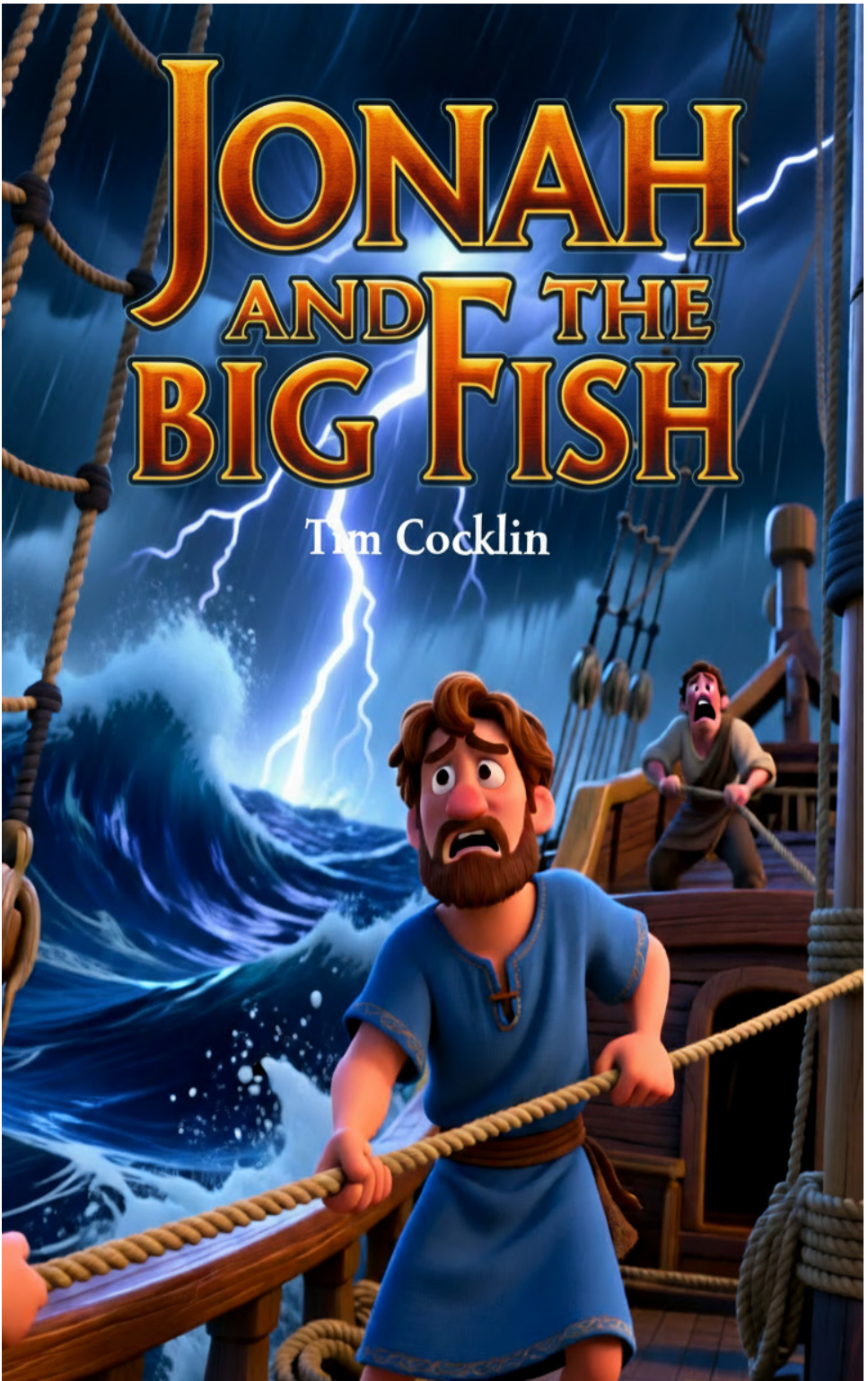


# JONAH AND THE BIG FISH

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In this book we use the word **Adonai** in the text to indicate the name of the all mighty.

We do this so we do not offend those who do not say the commonly spoken name.

**This Story of Jonah comes from the book of Jonah**



Long ago, in a small town near the sea, lived a man named Jonah.

One day, Adonai spoke to Jonah, saying, “Go to the great city of Nineveh and tell the people to stop doing wrong. Their hearts have become evil, and I want them to turn back to Me.”



**But Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh!**

**He thought the people there didn't deserve Adonai's forgiveness. So Jonah ran the opposite way.**

**He went down to the harbor, bought a ticket, and climbed aboard a ship sailing to Tarshish, far, far away.**



**As the ship sailed,  
Adonai sent a mighty  
storm.**

**Waves crashed against  
the sides, and the wind  
roared!**

**The sailors were afraid  
and cried out to their  
gods for help.**

**But Jonah knew it was  
his fault.**



**As Jonah sank, a huge fish sent by Adonai swallowed him whole!**

**Inside the dark belly of the fish, Jonah could still breathe—but he was all alone.**

**For three days and three nights, Jonah prayed.**



Jonah prayed, “Lord, when I was sinking, You heard me. You saved me from the deep! I will do what You tell me to do.”



**Then Adonai told the fish  
to spit Jonah out onto  
dry land!**



**This time, Jonah went straight to Nineveh.**

**He walked through the great city and shouted, “In forty days, Adonai will destroy Nineveh if you do not turn from your evil ways!”**



**The people of Nineveh  
listened and believed  
Adonai's message!**

**Even the king took off  
his royal robes, put on  
sackcloth, and sat in  
ashes to show sorrow  
for their sins.**

**They stopped doing  
wrong and prayed for  
mercy.**



**When Adonai saw that the people had turned from evil, He forgave them.**

**He did not destroy the city.**

**Jonah should have been happy—but he was angry!**

**He said, “I knew You would forgive them, Lord!”**



**Jonah sat in the hot sun.  
Adonai made a leafy plant  
grow beside him to give  
him shade.**

**Jonah was glad for the  
plant—but the next day, it  
withered away.  
Jonah was sad again.**

**Then Adonai said,  
“Jonah, you cared about  
this plant, but I care about  
all the people of Nineveh.  
Shouldn’t I love them too?”**

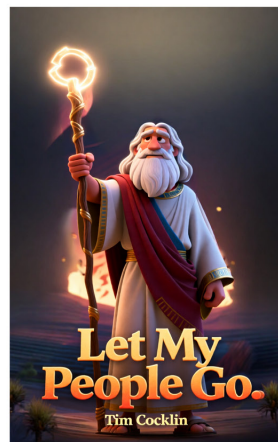
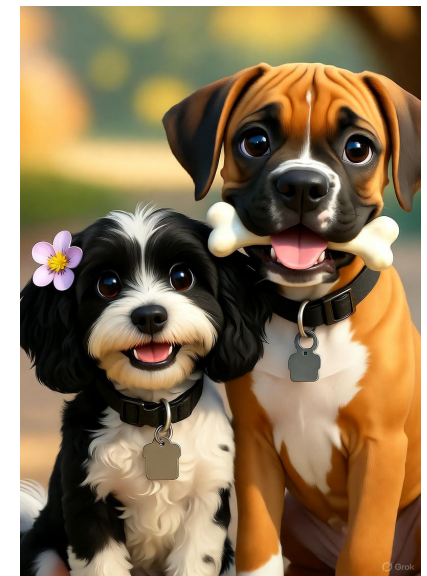
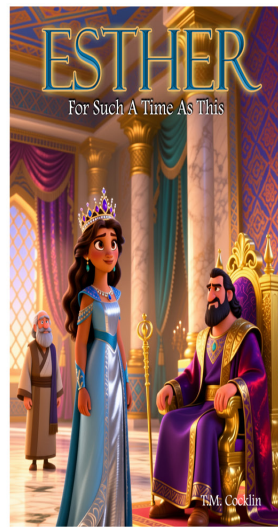


**Jonah finally understood—Adonai’s mercy is for everyone.**

**Adonai’s love is greater than anger.**

**He wants everyone—no matter who they are—to turn from wrong and come back to Him.**

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