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One great thing about my Bible school class is that my teachers explain things that I don't understand. My Bible school teachers are very kind and caring. Iana and Katy made class a lot of fun. They also taught us a lot of things about the bible. The story that impacted me the most and changed me was the story of Johan. When we were studying the story I really saw myself being Jonah. It really stood out to me because I often disobey my parents and God. I also get angry over anything just like Jonah did. When we were studying the story my favorite verse from the book of Jonah is 2:1-2 "Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, saying ``I called out to the Lord out of distress and he answered me out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice." This really helped me because I know that I can pray to God anytime I want in any place in any circumstance. If you don't remember the story of Jonah I will give you a shorter version of the story. The story started off with God calling Jonah son of Amittai. God said to Jonah ``Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me". Jonah rose to flee to a city completely the other way. He did not listen to

God. He found a ship that was going that way, and got on it. While they were sailing a great storm arose over them. Their ship was about to break. All of the sailors prayed to their gods but nothing happened then they cast lots for who was at fault, the lot fell on Jonah. They asked him what he did to his God. Johan told them that he was running from God, he then told them to throw him overboard they did as he said, and threw him in the water. As he was sinking a huge fish swallowed him. He stayed there for three days and three nights, which gave him a lot of time to think. He prayed for forgiveness then the fish spit him out onto dry land. After that the Lord spoke to him and asked him a second time, this time Jonah went to Nineveh. Jonah said to the sinful people, "yet in forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown". They believed God and repented even the king did. God saw that they repented and He relented the disaster. You would think Jonah was happy, but he wasn't, in fact he was angry at God for not destroying the city. He went and sat east of the city. God sent a plant from the ground that gave him shade Jonah was glad then a worm ate the plant from inside and it died. He was so mad! Johan told the Lord it is better for me to die than to live. God asked him if he cared for the plant more than 120,000 children that lived in the city. There are several lessons from this story. First, you can't hide from God, secondly, God always has another plan and He is all powerful.

Another great one is that God hears your prayers anytime if you're alone or scared. . One thing that I really liked about this book of the Bible is that there are many lessons you can learn from Johan's story. These lessons were very practical in my life.