Jonah Repents Puppet Show
(read the story of Jonah in the *Book of Jonah*, first)
(*Jesus is very, very gentle and patient with Jonah. Jonah is comically childish.*)

Jesus	Come on, Jonah. I can see you.
Jonah	(*hands over his eyes*) No you can't.
Jesus	Uh, yes, I can. Quit covering your eyes.
Jonah	(*peeks out, hides again*) Okay, if you can see me, then what am I doing now? (*boing sound*)
Jesus	You're hopping.
Jonah	Oh. How about now? (*wiggle sound, maybe a saw blade being shaken*)
Jesus	Wiggling.
Jonah	How about NOW? (*maraca*)
Jesus	Okay, this is getting silly, Jonah.
Jonah	(*uncovers his eyes, points to Jesus*) Gotcha!
Jesus	Jonah. I saw you shaking. I'm just tired of playing this game. Can we talk?
Jonah	(*sulky*) About what?
Jesus	I think you know.
Jonah	What?
Jesus	You ran away from me when I called you.
Jonah	Well… I… MEANT to come to you and do what you wanted, but I… needed to go the store and buy you a present, first! Yeah, THAT's it! I wanted to buy you a present!
Jesus	Okay. So where is it?
Jonah	Where is what?
Jesus	The present. You said you bought me a present.
Jonah	Oh. I… Hmmmm. Oh, yeah, my dog ate it, man. Sorry.
Jesus	Really. Jonah, I know you didn't buy me a present.
Jonah	Oh yeah? Well… I…. WOULD have bought you a present, but I was too BUSY.
Jesus	Doing what?

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Jonah	Hey, I thought you could see everything! Hahahaha! Okay, for your information, I was stuck inside the belly of a WHALE. No kidding. It was so weird, dude. Three days. In there with a bunch of fish and some trash, man.
Jesus	I know all about the whale, Jonah. He's a friend of mine. I sent him to get you.
Jonah	Yeah, right.
Jesus	And after you'd had some time to think about your sin, about the way you turned away from Me, I had him bring you to the beach and spit you out.
Jonah	Man, he spit me right out on somebody's beach blanket! That was so embarrassing, man. I landed right on a lady who hit me with her sunscreen bottle, right on my head. (*rubs his head*) It still hurts, man.
Jesus	Let's get to the point, Jonah. You obviously didn't want to go to Ninevah.
Jonah	(*whining*) The Ninevites don't like me. I'm an Israelite.
Jesus	But I like you. And I asked you to go.
Jonah	But they'll be mean to me, Lord!
Jesus	I'll protect you.
Jonah	Oh, yeah, sure. I've heard how the Ninevites treat the people of God and it isn't pretty, my friend.
Jesus	Trust Me, Jonah. I saved you from drowning, right?
Jonah	I guess.
Jesus	That whale came and scooped you right up. You saw those sharks circling around you, didn't you?
Jonah	Yeah. That was really scary. Thanks for sending the whale, Lord.
Jesus	Alrighty then. Let's get on with the task at hand.
Jonah	(*whining*) The Ninevites?
Jesus	Yep. It's time to let those sorry slackers know I'm coming to town and I'm really, really mad.
Jonah	Cool. I get to tell them they're all going to be CRUSHED. Hahahahah!
Jesus	That is, unless they repent.
Jonah	They WHAT?
Jesus	Repent. You know, tell me they're sorry. Try to do better.
Jonah	They won't. They're really bad. Crush 'em. That's what you GOTTA do.

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Jesus	Well, we'll see. You know I always forgive people when they're sorry.
Jonah	Oh, man. (*shuffles*) Um, Lord?
Jesus	Yeah, buddy. What is it?
Jonah	Um, do you forgive me?
Jesus	Are you sorry?
Jonah	Yeah.
Jesus	Are you ever going to hide from me again?
Jonah	No. 'Cause now I know you can find me anywhere.
Jesus	Are you going to do what I ask you to do?
Jonah	Yeah, I am. You're my Lord. I love you, man.
Jesus	Okay, champ. I love you, too. Get a move, on, okay?
Jonah	So, we're totally cool?
Jesus	We're totally cool.
Jonah	Cool. Okay, you slacker sons of a he-goat! Here I come! A prophet of the Lord! And you better not hit me with any sunscreen bottles, dudes, or you're gonna be in BIG TROUBLE! Hahahahahahahah! Yeah. Big trouble. Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to Ninevah I go. Oh, yeah. Big trouble.
Jesus	That's my buddy. Go get 'em, Tiger.

The End

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Mommy	Let me ask you something. Is it hard to sleep with a bright light on in your room?
Sally	Yes! I already told you that, Mommy! I was awake and awake and awake and if I don't get to sleep pretty soon my eyeballs will fall right out!
Mommy	So that tiny little night light was important, wasn't it?
Sally	Yes! That little light is very important to ME!!!!
Mommy	…and the big, bright light could not do the same job. Right?
Sally	Right … The big light can't do the job of the little light!
Mommy	So the little jobs are just as important as the big ones.
Sally	Oh!!! (*hopping up and down*) I see what you mean! My little jobs are just as important as the big jobs!! Setting the table is very important! It's my little light! How could we eat without forks and napkins and plates?
Mommy	That's right! We'd have to eat with our fingers and toes!
Sally	(*laughs*) That would be fun but it would be so messy and gooey and sticky and Grandma wouldn't like it at all! She'd think we were living in a zoo or something!
Mommy	Now you've got it! Every little thing you do to help out is important and God is pleased when you do it! When you help out, even in small ways, your light is shining!!! How about you, boys and girls? Maybe you can't hang lights outside, yet, or cook the meal or buy the presents, but you can help out in small ways that are just as important!
Sally	Let's all help out for Christmas! Because little jobs are just as important as big ones!!! Let's get going and help our families have the best Christmas ever!!! Let's light up Jesus's birthday!
Mommy	I'm so proud of you! Your light is shining brighter than ever!
Sally	You mean it? You're proud of me? Wahoooo!
Mommy	I sure am. You're the best little daughter ever.
Sally	Merry Christmas, Mommy.
Mommy	Merry Christmas, Sally.
Sally	This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine…

The End

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