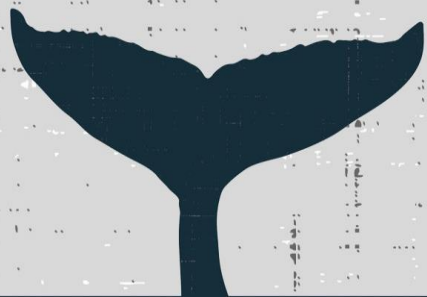


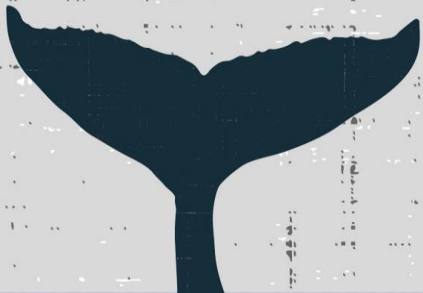
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Who is your favorite superhero?

JONAH

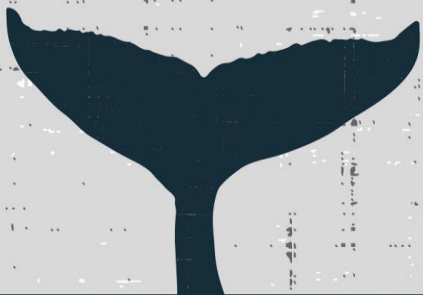


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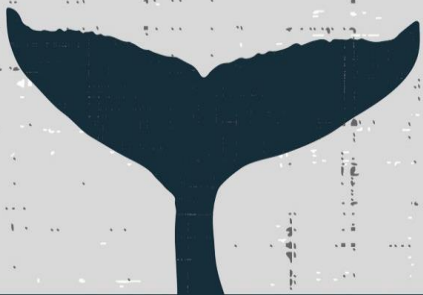
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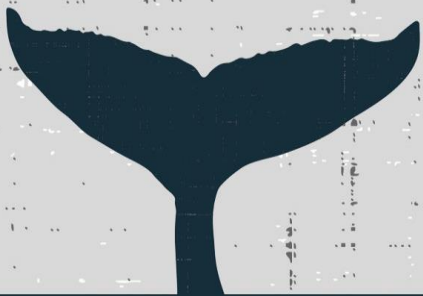
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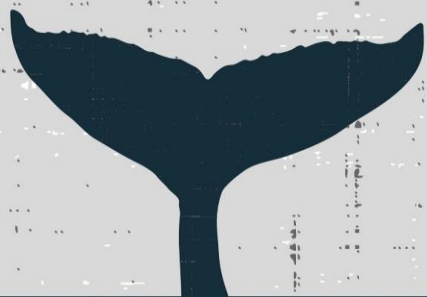
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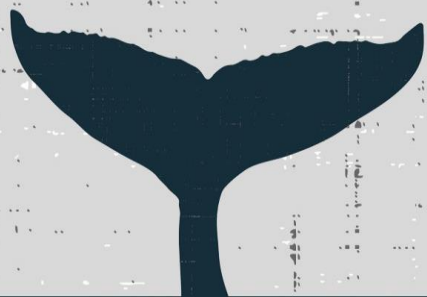


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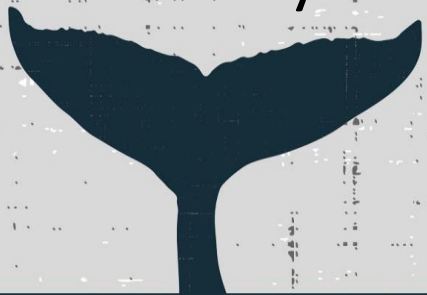
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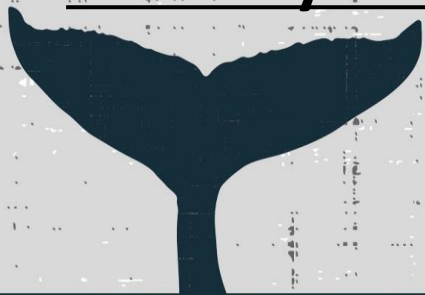
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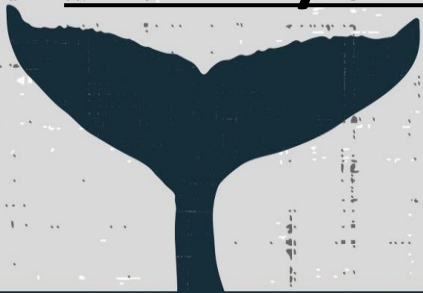
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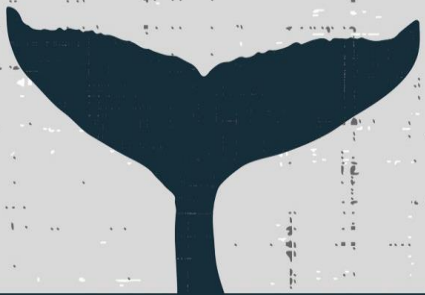
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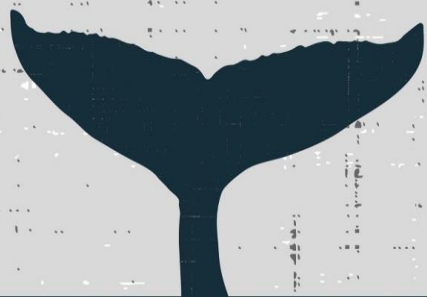
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“I called out to the Lord, out of my distress,
and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.



Jonah 2

³ For you cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows
passed over me.

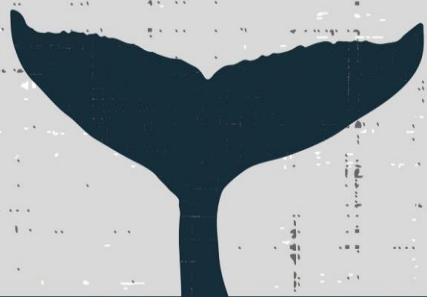
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⁵ The waters closed in over me to take my life;
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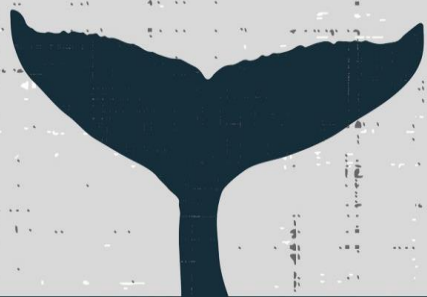
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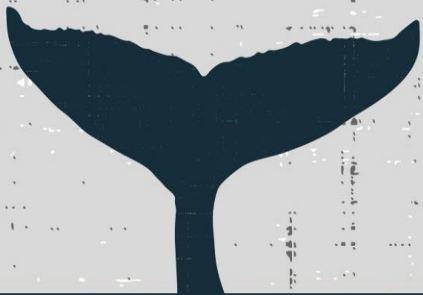
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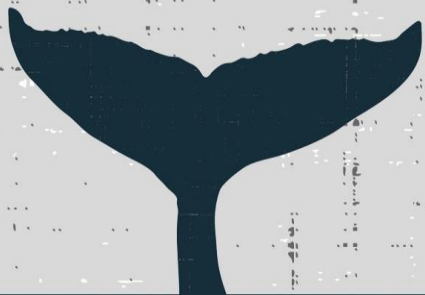
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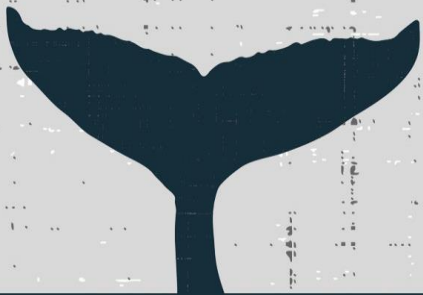
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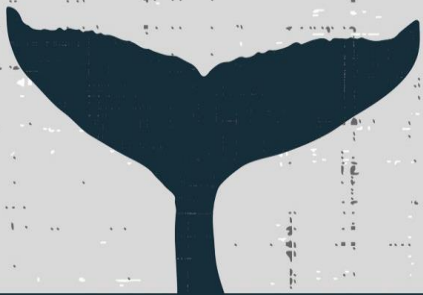
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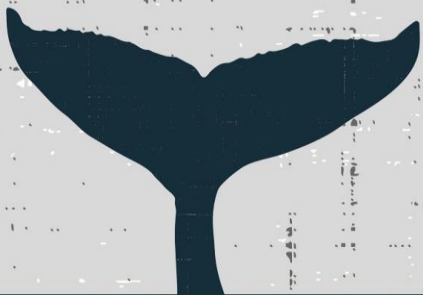
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Jonah 2

After three days, the fish spat Jonah safely out onto a sandy beach.

Just then, Jonah heard someone calling his name. "Go to Nineveh," God said.

And this time? Jonah said, "YES!" He went straight to Nineveh and told everyone God's wonderful message.



"Even though you've run far from God, he can't stop loving you," Jonah told them. "Run to him! So he can forgive you."

The people of Nineveh listened to Jonah, and they started loving God. They learned to do what God said and to stop running away from him — just like Jonah.

Many years later, God was going to send another Messenger with the same wonderful message. Like Jonah, he would spend three days in utter darkness.

But this Messenger would be God's own Son. He would be called "The Word" because he himself would be God's Message. God's Message translated into our own language. Everything God wanted to say to the whole world — in a Person.



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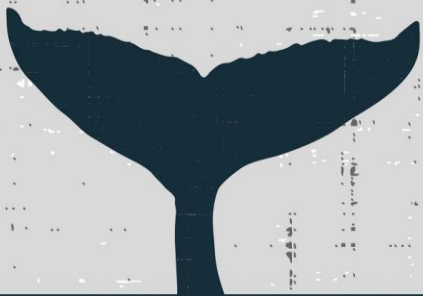
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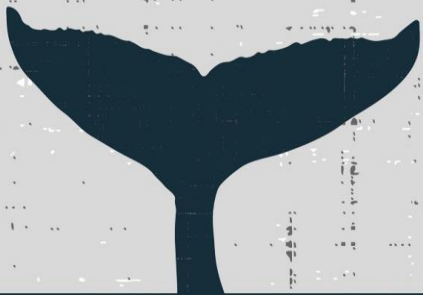
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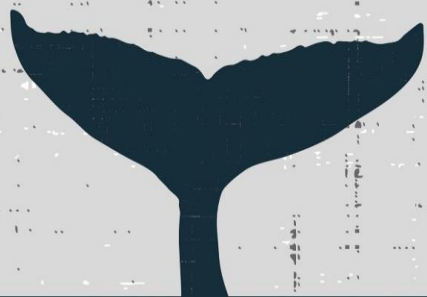
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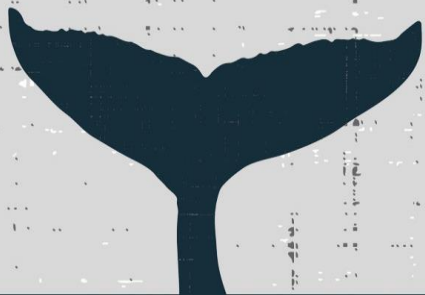
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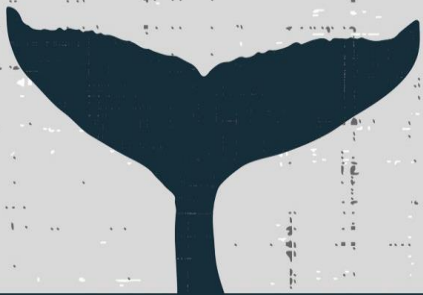
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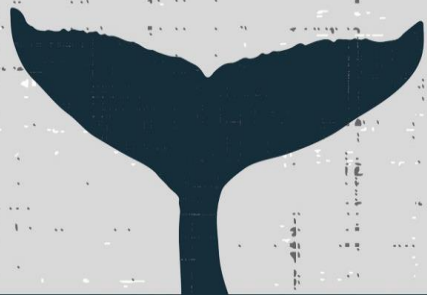
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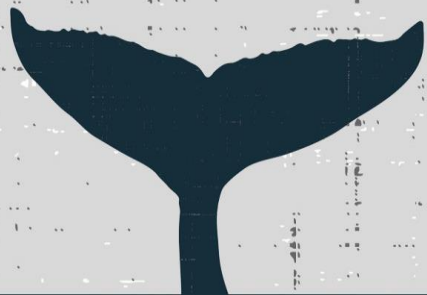
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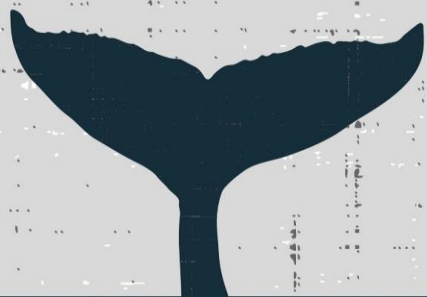
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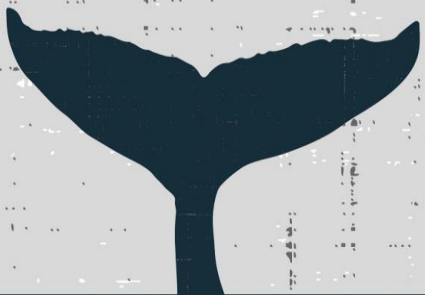
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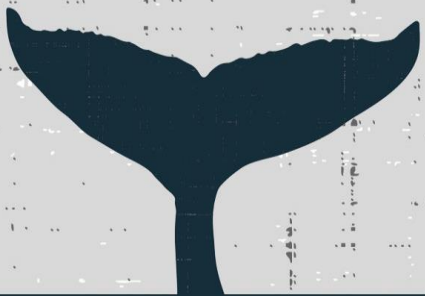
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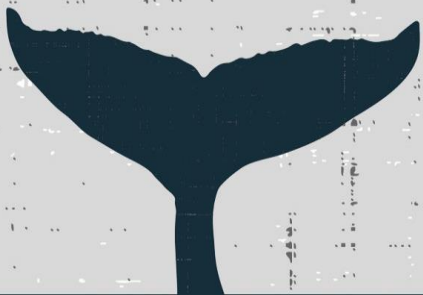
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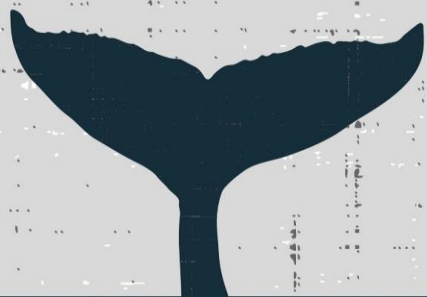
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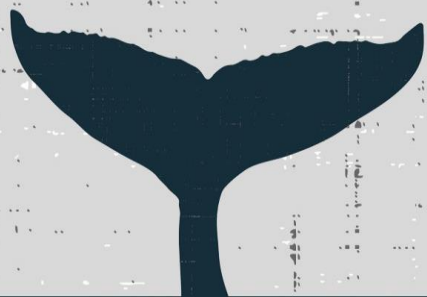
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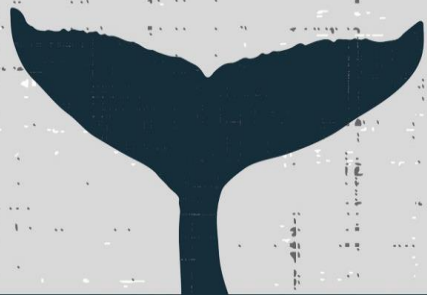
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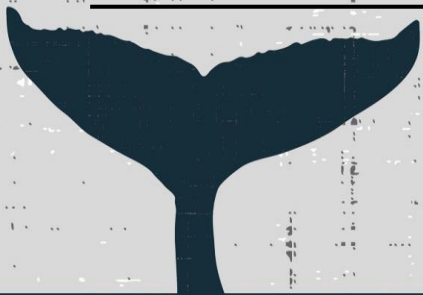
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DO YOU?

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Even in our rebellious hearts, God's heart is
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Our decisions have consequences, but God
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