

I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart. Psalm 40:8

Nineveh (NIN-uh-vuh) <u>Nineveh</u> was a big Bible-time city. It was far away from the place where most Bible people lived.

#### preach

To <u>preach</u> means to give a talk about God and the things God wants people to know.

### Jonah (JO-nuh)

God wanted <u>Jonah</u> to <u>preach</u> to the people of <u>Nineveh</u>. <u>Jonah</u> was to <u>preach</u> to them about what God was going to do.



#### ship

A ship is a big boat. The leader of a <u>ship</u> is the captain. Sailors are the captain's helpers.



## We may not want to obey God, but . . .



When Mom cooks a new dish and tells me to eat it . . .











**Directions:** Have students match pictures to show what these children do when it's hard to obey God. On page 33, students may write sentences or draw pictures to show what *they* can do. (Examples: pay for strawberries after earning money; take a toy to bed; get friends to help clean up after a picnic.) Have students tell how to complete the prayer, naming times when it might be hard to obey.

# I Can Obey God

Show how you can obey God when it is hard.



Help me to obey You, God, even when \_\_\_\_\_\_ In Jesus' name. Amen



2. Make up a story about one of the pictures.

**Directions:** Read the memory verse and explain that children can do God's will by obeying the Bible's teachings. Let volunteers tell what Bible rule applies in each situation. Have students make up stories about the pictures, telling what might happen next because the child is or is not obeying God.