

## **The life of Jacob & his struggle with God**

**Code: 7/OT/11**

**(The book of Jonah)**

### **1. General Aims of the unit**

Better Understanding of the books of the "Old Testament" -

### **2. Special aims of the lesson**

1. A review of the book of Jonah , to whom it is written , its timing , its message , brief about Nineveh and its people.
2. Trace the life of Jonah through his book , his character , why he would like to escape to Tarshish, his behaviour in the boat , his confession , his prayer in the belly of the fish, his message to the people, his anger for the withered plant , and the message of the Lord to him.
3. Explore the repentance of the people of Nineveh and what are the fruits of our repentance to be acceptable before the eyes of the Lord.
4. Verify that this story is real and explore some scientific evidences.
5. Explore the symbols of Jonah to Christ .

### **3.Outcomes**

**By the end of this lesson the teens are able to:**

1. Remember by heart the true repentance and its fruits; use the people of Nineveh as an example.
2. Analyze the character of Jonah , his strength and his weakness.
3. Answer why Jesus used Jonah as a symbol for Himself.
4. Interrelate between the fasting of the people of Nineveh and our fasting 3 days 2 weeks before the lent.

### **4. Verses :**

Jon. 1:17 ; 2: 7 , 9 ; 3:5, 8 , 10 ; 4:11 ; Matt.12:40 , 41

### **5.References :**

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| 1. Jonah the Prophet               | HH. Pope Shenouda III  |
| 2. Commentary on the book of Jonah | Rev. Fr. Tadros Malaty |