

Treasure Hunt

- What do Psalms 138-145 have in common?
- Who are “the gods” before whom David praises the Lord in 138:1?
- Who makes the declaration of 138:6, and why is this significant?
- What does “beset” in 139:5 tell us about how David feels at first about God’s knowledge?
- What does he try to do about this in vv. 7-12?
- Who else tried the solution in v. 9?
- How does that person’s experience illustrate v. 10?
- What does David learn from his birth, in 13-17?
- How do vv. 23-24 show the change in David?

Structure of Book 5



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107, Suffering, coming to the land : ידה, חסד	120-134, Ascents: Coming to the Temple
	135-136 ברך, ידה, חסד hymns for the temple
	137, Call for Judgment
108-110, Psalms of David	138-145, Psalms of David
111-112, Acrostic (111 Works of the Lord)	145, Acrostic (Works of the Lord)
111-117, Hallelu-Yah	146-150, Hallelu-Yah
118-119, Torah (Acrostic) and Messiah Pair	



The Second Davidic Collection

Promise of Praise	138 “All the kings of the earth”	145 “All thy works”
Confidence in God’s Care	139 God’s Care through his Knowledge	144 God’s Care through his Actions
Cry for Deliverance	140-143, Spiritual Journey 140, Righteous Indignation 141, Qualifying for God’s Help 142, Depths of Despair 143, Humble Confession	

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Structure of Psalm 138

Psalm 138, Initial Promise of Praise

1-3, **I** praise **Thee** for thy Word

4-6, **Kings** praise **Him** for his Ways

7-8, **I** trust **Thee** for thy Works



138:1 before the gods ...

Psa 82:1 God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the **gods**.

Exo 21:5 And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free:
6 Then his master shall bring him unto the **judges**; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.

Exo 22:8 If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall be brought unto the **judges**, to see whether he have put his hand unto his neighbour's goods. 9 ... the cause of both parties shall come before the **judges**; and whom the **judges** shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbour.



Structure of Psalm 139

Psalm 139, Under God's Eye

1, Statement: God has **Searched** and **Known** David

2-6, Theology: God knows David

7-12, Rebellion: David tries to flee from God's knowledge

13-18, Surrender: David accepts God's sovereign knowledge

19-22, God and David deal with the Wicked

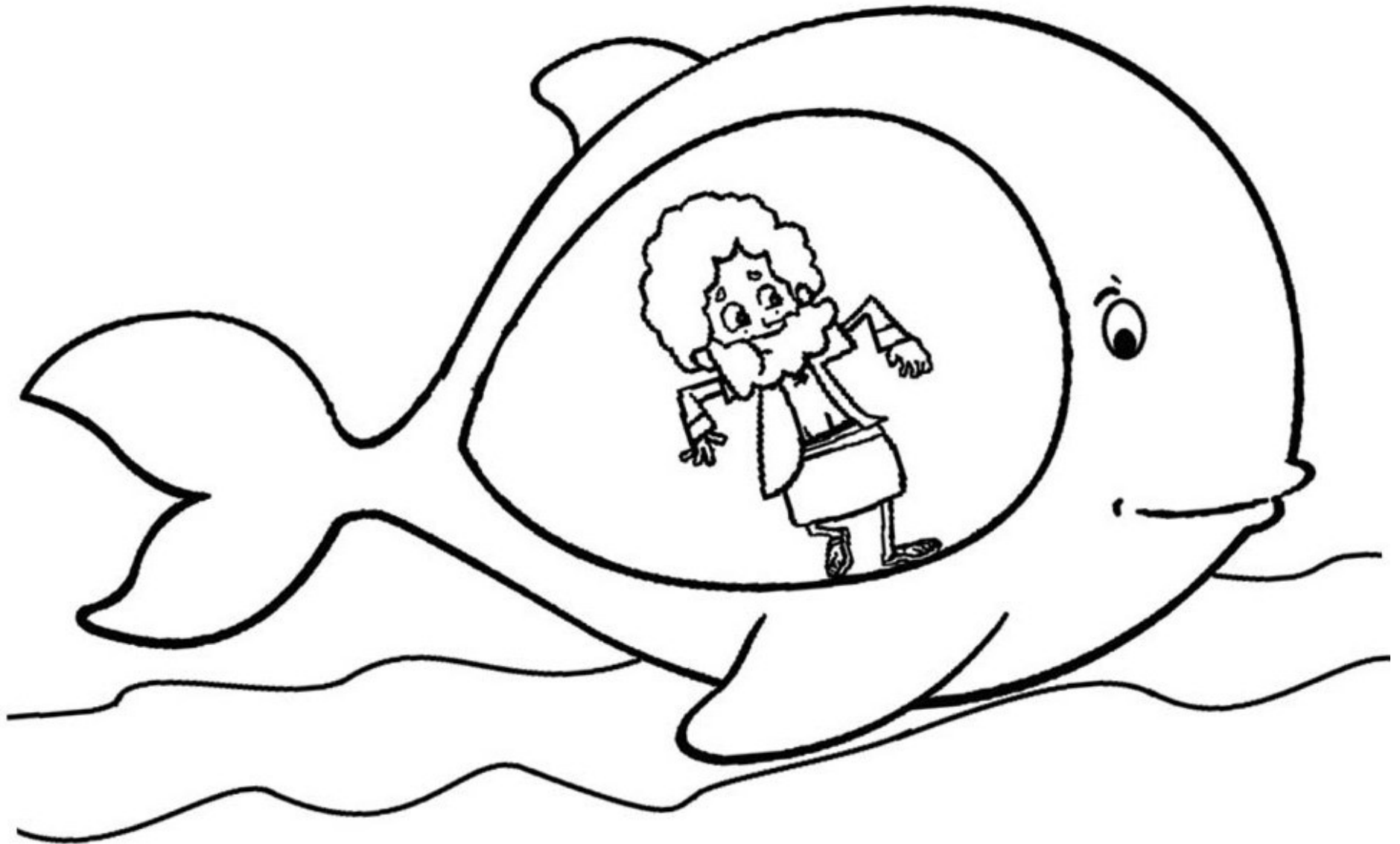
23-24, Request: **Search** me and **Know** me

Ps 11:4 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

Ps 33:13 The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. 14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. 15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.

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139:9 the uttermost parts of the sea



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139:13-17



15 I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought **in the lowest parts of the earth**

Psa 63:9 those *that* seek my soul, to destroy *it*, shall go into **the lower parts of the earth.**

Job 1:21 Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return **thither:**

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