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When God first called Jonah, Jonah did the exact opposite of what God asked him to do. But God didn't give up on him. God used him to accomplish his plan. It was just a little more painful than it had to be!

But now, Jonah was mad.

These people did mean, rotten and nasty things. They were famous for it! They didn't _____ Verb God, and still they had everything they wanted. It wasn't _____ Adjective

â??How come they should get off so easy!â?? Jonah _____ Verb to himself. Secretly he had been looking forward to watching God really punish them good.

Now God was giving them a _____ Adjective _____ Noun _____.

“I knew this would happen,” Jonah said to God. “I knew you would let them off the _____ Noun _____.”

I guess Jonah forgot just WHO got let off the _____ Noun _____ in the _____ Adjective _____ place.

“I knew it!” Jonah said to God. “I knew that you are full of _____ Adjective _____ Noun _____ and that you are always ready to _____ Verb _____ and to hold back from _____ Verb _____.”

So

Jonah walked to the edge of the _____^{Noun} and sat down to pout. Maybe the _____^{Noun} would go up in a ball of fire anyway. That is what he was hoping to see.

Now, the _____^{Noun} was burning down on Jonah. Sweat was rolling down his _____^{Noun} and stinging his _____^{Noun}.

So God made a bush grow up next to where Jonah was pouting, to shade him from the sun.

Jonah was thankful for the bush and the comfort of the shade.

But the next morning, God sent a _____^{Animal} to eat the roots of the bush. The bush withered and died. When the

sun came up, God sent a scorching eastern wind, heated by the desert. The sun beat down on Jonah's head until Jonah nearly fainted.

Jonah cried out to God (well, whined, more likely!) "Why don't you just take my life now, and save me from this misery!"

Poor Jonah. He was having such a rough time!

"Jonah, Jonah, Jonah!"; God said to him. "Do you think I have stopped loving and caring for you? I could never do that!

"You

are so upset because I let a little _____^{Noun} die - but you want me to destroy the whole city of

_____^{Location} Arenâ??t all these people worth far, far more than a little weed?

â??Didnâ??t I forgive you, even though you tried to run away from me? I love you so much!

â??Even though these people didnâ??t know me, and they sinned against me, I love them as much as I love you."

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And then at last, Jonah understood that God truly is slow to anger, and always willing to forgive

_____^{Pronoun} when _____^{Pronoun} turn to him.

Now

he knew that our wonderful God truly is _____ Adjective _____ and _____ Adjective _____ and overflowing with a love for us that will never end.