

Jonah And The Whale.

5 The Man With The Golden Tongue.

Cast Jonah.
 King.
 Man
 Woman.
 God. (Voice over sound system)

(Jonah enters)

Jonah *(Walking along)* Well I've had a bath. *(smells armpits)* Roses couldn't smell sweeter than I do now. So, what next? Oh yes, I remember. Tell the people of Nineveh that God is not very pleased with them. Well Ok, Ok. I mean, actually that's easier said than done isn't it? What do I do? Just walk up to someone and tell them that God is angry with them? They'll just laugh in my face! Hit me over the head and steal my money. After all this is Nineveh. Scary, scary Nineveh! I'm not happy about this. Not happy at all.

(enter woman)

Woman	Excuse me sir.
Jonah	Yes.
Woman	Excuse me sir, are you a stranger around here?
Jonah	Well...
Woman	I think you must be a stranger because I've never seen you here before, and we don't get many visitors here you know. It's a terrible place Nineveh you know, terrible.
Jonah	I know ... A... a... and... err.... tha tha... that's why I've come.
Woman	What, because you're a nasty person too. Oh dear that's the last thing we need, please go away right now.
Jonah	No no no ... I'm not a nasty person, but I've come to tell you and all the other people of Nineveh that God has noticed how nasty you are, and if you don't sort yourselves out and start behaving better then you are going to get a big surprise.
Woman	Oh no! Oh no! Of course we'll change. Of course we'll change. <i>(Kneels in front of Jonah and bows to the floor)</i> Thank you sir, thank you sir, we'll be better people from now on.

(She leaves)

Jonah Wow! Good grief! That was easy! I mean, if it's all this easy what was I worrying about? Hey I must be good at this. *(thinks for a moment)* Hang on! That was a little bit too easy. Was she just spinning me along?

Woman Here he is, here he is. Sir, Sir, tell my husband what you just told me.

Jonah Well perhaps she was really listening then.

Woman He's a friend of the King you know and the King himself has heard about you.

Jonah What already, but I've only been here ten minutes.

Woman Well it has to be a short sketch! Now tell him what you told me.

Jonah God has sent me to tell you that he has seen how nasty you've been, and if you don't sort yourselves out and behave better then you are in for a big surprise!

Man Well thank you sir. Of course you're right sir. We must change and we will. I must take you straight to the King, come this way.

(They exit. King enters and sits on his throne. Jonah, Man and Woman enter and approach him)

Man Your majesty, we've found him, we've found him, and we brought him straight to see you.

King Ah, at last, I've heard about you. They are calling you the Whale man. Evidently you were seen being sneezed out of a Whale that had come up close to the beach. Is this true?

Jonah Err.. yes your majesty yes it is.

King Really. Wasn't it smelly inside the whale?

Jonah Er .. yes actually it was.

King So, what have you got to say to us? What is this message people keep telling me about?

Woman Oh your majesty, your majesty, he told me first, first of all, you know, he said ...

King Woman, be silent. I want to hear this from the Whale man himself. *(Looks at Jonah)* yes?

Jonah Well your majesty. err... err.... G, G, God s s s sent me here to give you a m m m message. He said that he has seen how nasty all you people of Nineveh are and if you don't sort yourselves out and behave properly then you are in for a big surprise.

King It's true! It's true! We are nasty people, really nasty people, but we can change, we will change. Thank you ...err .. What's your name.

Jonah Jonah your majesty.

King Thank you Jonah, and thank you to the Whale who brought you to our city to give us your message. *(The King bows very low before Jonah)* Quick we must go and tell all the people the good news.

(King and woman and man rush off -leaving Jonah alone)

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Jonah Oh yeah, oh yeah. Go Jonah Go Jonah

God	Jonah
Jonah	<i>(looking embarrassed)</i> Oh, err yes.
God	Oh Jonah, there you are. I wondered where you had got to.
Jonah	You knew it would happen like this didn't you God?
God	Well I suppose I had a little inkling.
Jonah	A little inkling! You knew that you had to pick some one as stupid as me for the job, so stupid that I would end up being delivered to Nineveh by Whale because that's what would make them listen to me. You knew it all from the beginning.
God	Well so what if I did. It worked didn't it?
Jonah	Well I suppose so. But. but..
God	But what Jonah.
Jonah	Oh it doesn't matter.
God	That's all right then. So I suppose you won't mind me calling you up again sometime?
Jonah	Could I stop you?
God	Well you could always try going Ex directory.
Jonah	Somehow God I don't think that would make much difference.
God	<i>(with a chuckle)</i> Oh you're learning Jonah, you're learning. I think you can nip off home now. There's a ship leaving from the harbour in about fifteen minutes. You can just catch it. They're expecting you. So Bye, till next time!
Jonah	<i>(With a sigh)</i> Bye God, bye, Oh, and by the way, Thank you!
God	<i>(Chuckles)</i>

Jonah leaves the stage

The drama can end with all cast members returning to perform a dance to suitable music.

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