

Nineveh Script

Characters: Reporter, Nadine of Nineveh, Nolan of Nineveh

Props: Something for the reporter to use as a microphone: a pencil, a hairbrush, a ruler.

Reporter: Hello. This is _____ (*student's name*) from Off the Hook Press reporting live from Nineveh. I'm interviewing people on the street to see if we can understand what has happened.

Reporter: (*Motioning to one of the Ninevites to come over*) Yes. Here's someone now. Thank you for talking to us, Nadine. This is Nadine of Nineveh.

Nadine: Thank you for having me on.

Reporter: Nadine, what is Nineveh like? You've been a citizen here all your life, I believe. Tell me about your city.

Nadine: Sure. Nineveh is a very large city with a population of more than 120,000. It's really large. Let me put it this way. If you were to walk through our city from end to end, it would take you three days!

Reporter: This is a big city. What else can you tell me about your city, Nadine?

Nadine: Well, up until recently the people here could be described as evil and violent. Yes, I'm sorry to say, those words described our city.

Reporter: I see. That's what I wanted to get to, Nadine. You said "up until recently." What happened to change all that?

Nadine: The prophet Jonah delivered God's message to us. He walked through our city crying out. I'll never forget his words. He said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" He was quite a sight! I'll never forget the day I first heard his words—never—for the rest of my life.

Reporter: Thank you for your honesty, Nadine. That's why we like interviewing real people on the street., I believe I see someone else coming toward us. Excuse me, mister, do you have a few minutes to spare?

Nolan: Me? Certainly!

Reporter: And you are?

Nolan: Nolan of Nineveh, sir. But you can call me Nolan.

Reporter: Thank you, Nolan. I'm here on behalf of Off the Hook Press, and we're trying to report on what happened here recently. I spoke to Nadine earlier, and she said she would never forget

the day that Jonah came through town with a message from God. Could you share your perspective on what happened because of him?

Nolan: *(Scratching his chin and thinking)* You know, I've lived in this city all my life and I've never seen anything like it. First, I heard Jonah crying out in the streets on behalf of God. And I didn't know what to think. Then, I don't know why, but I got this idea in my head that he really was from God and that what he was saying was true. I believed, I definitely believed.

Reporter: You believed that God would destroy your town in 40 days, Nolan?

Nolan: Yes, I did. I believed we deserved it, too. I suddenly realized that we were an evil people here in Nineveh and that we shouldn't be living that way. I believed that Jonah's God was the one true God—not the false gods that we worshipped. In my heart, I just knew Jonah was right. And I really feared the judgment of God.

Reporter: I see. Were you the only one who responded to Jonah that way?

Nolan: Now that is an interesting thing. No I wasn't. In fact, we all believed. The whole town proclaimed a fast. We even put on sackcloth. Then the king heard about what was going on. He also believed!

Reporter: He did?

Nolan: Yes. He believed there really was something to what Jonah was saying. He believed in Jonah's God. He told everyone to repent of their evil, violent ways. And he made the fast official. He even made the fast apply to people AND animals. No food OR water.

Reporter: Nolan, did you and your animals really fast from food AND water?

Nolan: We sure did. The king said that maybe God would spare us if we did that. He believed that the one true God was truly angry and would wipe us out.

Reporter: Did it work?

Nolan: You're talking to me now, aren't you? God did spare us! None of us would be here if it wasn't for the message from God that Jonah brought. That warning was just what we needed to hear.

Reporter: Yes, it was! Thank you for talking to me, Nolan. Well, that's it folks. The city of Nineveh, with its incredible reputation for evil and violence, has changed thanks to a prophet named Jonah and his God who is both gracious and merciful to spare this city from destruction. This is Reporter *(student's name)* reporting live, as always, with the latest, on behalf of Off the Hook Press. Until next time, over and out.