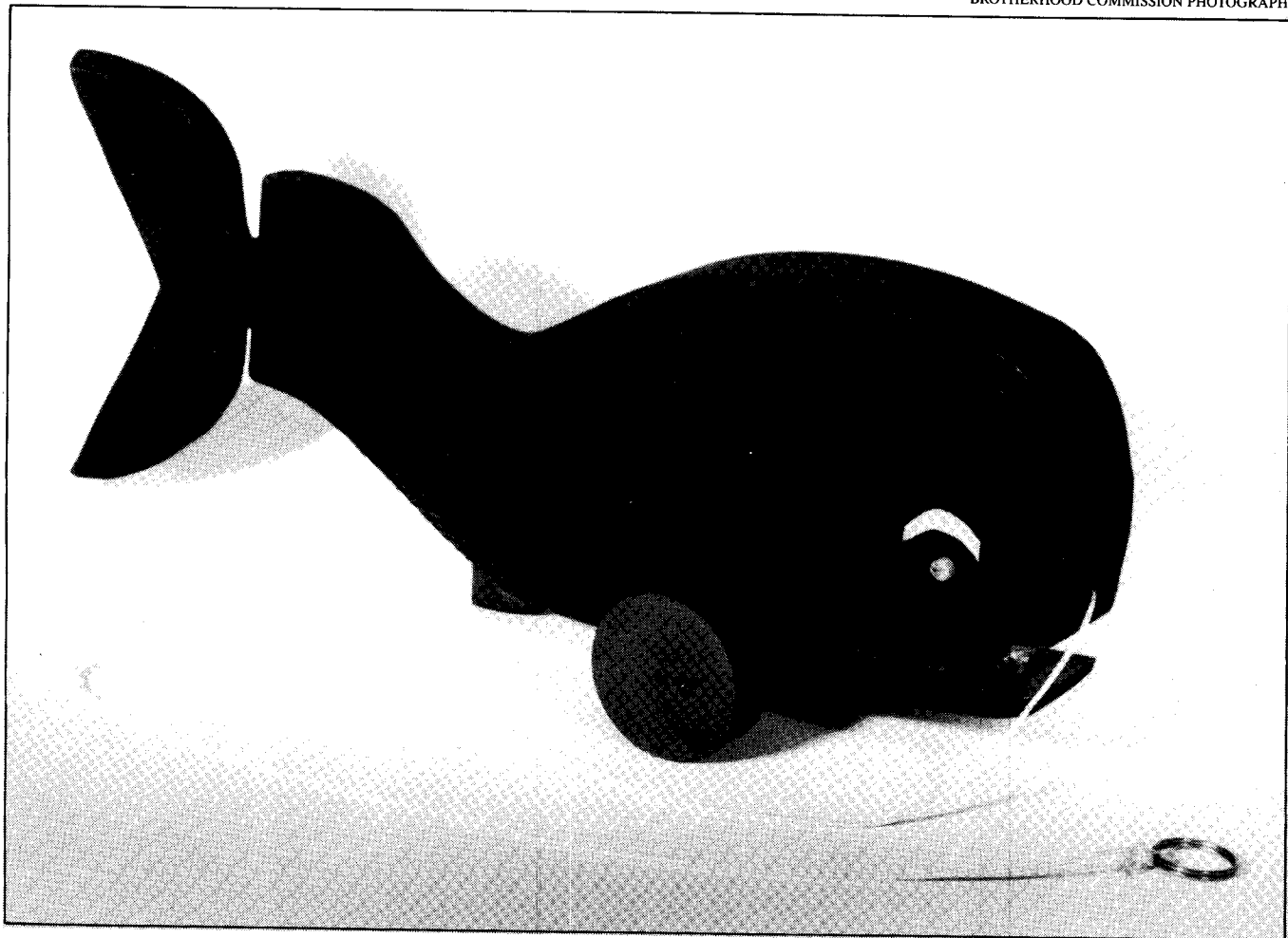


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## Build Jonah's Whale

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This is a nursery toy to which you can attach a Bible story. Jonah and the whale is one of the most popular stories from the Bible. It is one of the first stories children learn from Scripture. This blueprint will make the story more personable.

This plan can be built from 2 x 6 and 1 x 4 scraps. When completed, the whale's tale will wag as the child pulls it across a floor.

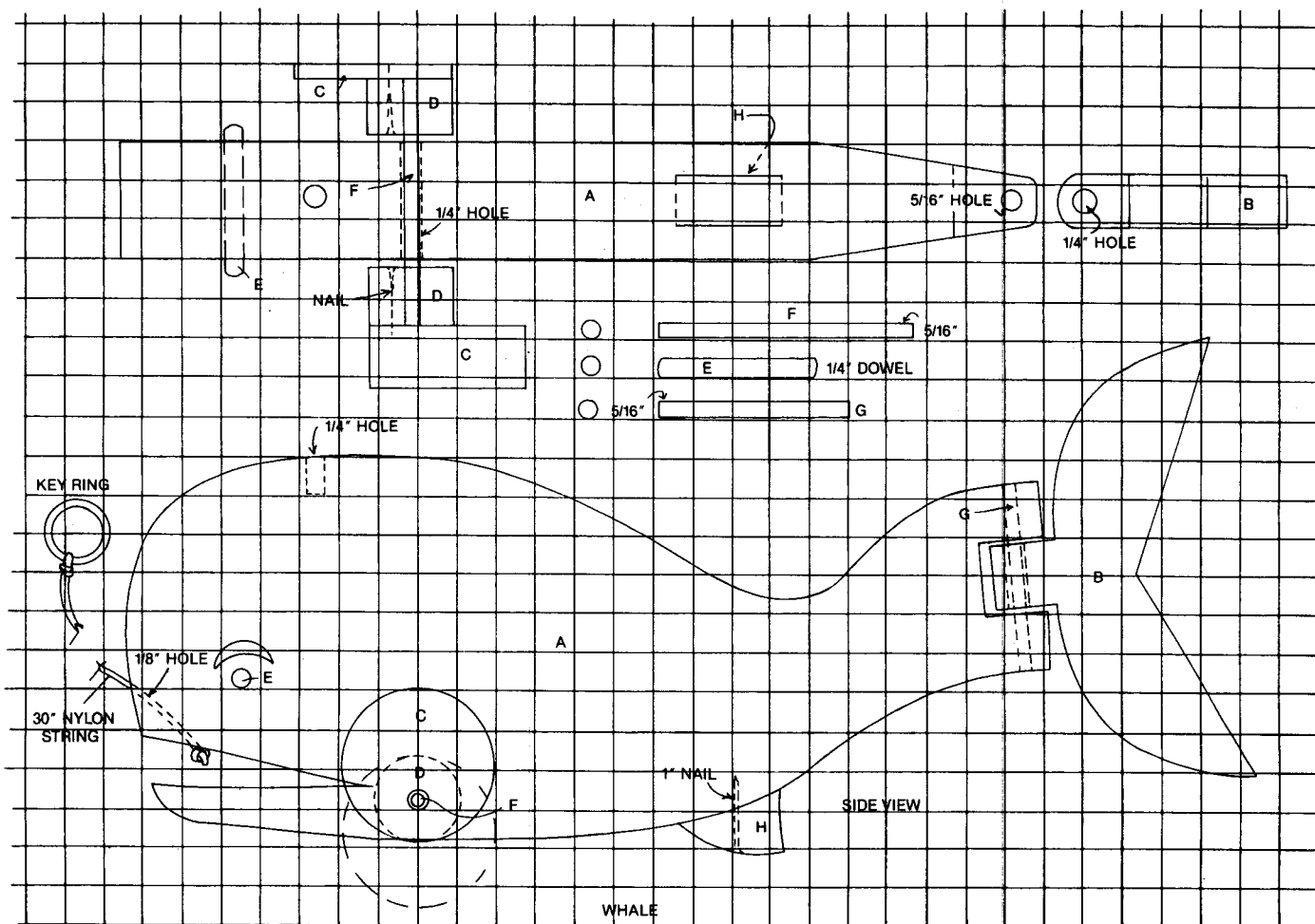
Preschoolers will enjoy Jonah's whale. Consider building this nursery toy for unchurched children. Take them the toy and share with them the biblical story it represents. Perhaps you will interest the family in further Bible study.

Don't forget building this toy for missionaries. Many missionaries serve in areas of poverty. A supply of toy whales would be a valuable tool in their ministry.

### TOOLS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED

- 1-foot 2 x 6 (preferably pine)
- 1-foot 1 x 4 (preferably pine)
- 8 inches of 5/16-inch dowel
- 2 inches of 1/4-inch dowel
- 30 inches of nylon string
- Key ring
- Black paint
- Red paint

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- 3 1-inch brad nails
- Band saw or high-speed jig saw
- Drill press or 1/4-inch electric drill
- Sandpaper
- 1/4-inch hole cutter with 5/16-inch drill bit
- 2-inch hole cutter with 5/16-inch drill bit
- 5/16-inch drill bit
- 1/4-inch drill bit
- 1/8-inch drill bit

### STEPS

1. On a legal size sheet of paper, draw 1/2-inch grid lines. Plot the drawing on the grids and complete your enlarged pattern.
2. Draw A on the 2 x 6 and B and H on the 1 x 4 using carbon paper to trace the pattern on the wood.
3. Cut out A, B and H.
4. Cut out two C wheels with the 2-inch wheel cutter and two D wheels with the 1/4-inch wheel cutter. At this point, cut two pieces of 5/16-inch dowel 3/4 inches long. Fill the pilot holes in

the C wheels. These holes will not be used with the axle.

5. Drill a 1/4-inch breathing hole 1/2-inch deep into the top.
6. Drill a 1/4-inch hole for the eyes through the side of the whale.
7. Drill a 1/4-inch hole in the tail section.
8. Using the 5/16-inch drill bit, drill the hole in part A for dowel G.
9. With the 1/8-inch drill bit, drill a hole through the front of the whale into the roof of its mouth for the string.
10. Taper the A section tail with the band saw or high-speed jig saw. Round off the end of section A with sandpaper. Also round off the end of B with sandpaper.
11. Sand and paint all parts before assembly. I recommend red for the mouth, wheels and H, and black for the rest of A and B.
12. Glue wheels C to D with the bottom of each flush. Make two sets. Use a 1-inch brad nail to secure C and D.
13. Using a drop of glue and the 5/16-inch F dowel, install your wheels.

Be sure the wheels face opposite directions. This will create the wobbling effect.

14. Using a drop of glue and 1-inch brad nail, install the H drag.
15. Install the tail to body using the 5/16-inch G dowel. Use glue to secure the dowel to A, top and bottom.
16. Round off the edges of a 1/4-inch dowel and use a drop of glue to install the eyes. Make sure an equal portion protrudes from each side.
17. For an eyebrow, I used a section of band aid. You may wish to use a beige or white paint.
18. Install the string and attach it to the key ring.

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