

4 year olds, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade

Bible Lesson

5-10-20

Jesus Taught in Nazareth

Luke 4:14-28

<u>Story Point:</u>	Jesus taught that He is the Messiah.
<u>Memory Verse:</u>	“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16, NIV
<u>Gospel Gems:</u>	Jesus said God sent Him to preach good news. Jesus came to rescue us from sin because He loves us.

PARENTS ONLY: Bible Study Guide

Jesus was about 30 years old when He began His earthly ministry. After John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River, Jesus was tempted in the desert. Jesus traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover. Then He headed north to Galilee. He went through the region of Samaria, stopping at Jacob’s well to talk to a Samaritan woman.

After, Jesus went to the town of Nazareth, where He had grown up. Nazareth was a small village in the hills between the Sea of Galilee and the Mediterranean Sea. On the Sabbath day, Jesus went into the synagogue to teach. He read aloud the words of the prophet Isaiah. (See Isa. 61:1-2.) Jesus sat down. Everyone’s eyes were on Him as He explained, “Today as you listen, this Scripture has been fulfilled.” Jesus was saying, It’s Me. The words Jesus read were coming true. Some people remembered Jesus from His youth. They asked, “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?”

Jesus knew their thoughts; Jesus had performed miracles in Capernaum, and the people wanted Jesus to do miracles in His hometown too. Jesus reminded them of two Old Testament accounts. Many widows lived in Israel when the prophet Elijah was there, but God sent Elijah to help a widow in another country. And Elisha likely encountered Israelites who had leprosy, but he healed Naaman the Syrian.

Jesus wanted the people to understand that His miracles were an act of grace—a gift. No one deserves God’s grace, so God may show grace to whomever He pleases—even Gentiles. The people were angry about that last part. They drove Jesus away, intending to kill Him, but Jesus escaped through the crowd.

As you teach, explain that Jesus came to give sight to the blind and to set the captives free. He came preaching good news to all the people groups. Finally, the Messiah had come! Jesus was God’s plan to save sinners.

Kid’s Worship:

- Access: **4 years – 1st Grade Video: Connection Team Worship**

Christ Connection – (all stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus)

“Long before Jesus was born, Isaiah the prophet talked about God’s plan to send a Messiah to earth. Jesus is the ONE God promised to send. Jesus would bring good news and help people who were hurting.”

Bible Story: Jesus Taught in Nazareth – Luke 4:14-28

PARENTS:

This lesson is paraphrased and in story form. The scripture references are listed above if you choose to read directly from the Bible. We encourage you to open the Bible either way you choose to share this lesson.

Jesus went to the town of Nazareth where He lived when He was a young boy. Now Jesus was grown up. He traveled all around and taught people about God.

On the Sabbath day, Jesus went to the synagogue. The synagogue was a building where Jews met together to pray, worship God, and learn about the Scriptures. One of the ways people worshiped God was by listening to God's Word.

Jesus stood up to read God's Word. He opened a scroll. The scroll had words on it from the prophet Isaiah long ago. Jesus read: "God's Spirit is on Me. He has chosen Me to tell good news to the poor. He has sent Me to tell the captives that they are free, to help the blind people see, to free people who have been treated badly, and to announce that God's favor is on us."

Then Jesus rolled up the scroll. He gave it to a man who worked in the synagogue, and then He sat down. The people in the synagogue stared at Jesus, waiting for Him to say something. Jesus said, "These words came true today."

Yes, Isaiah's words came true because Isaiah's words were about Jesus! God was with Jesus, and God had chosen Jesus to tell people good news. Many of the people in the synagogue were happy. Jesus was saying wonderful things!

Jesus knew the people in Nazareth would not accept Him. "No prophet is accepted in his hometown," He said. Jesus told the people about times when God used prophets to help people who were not Jews. When Jesus was done talking, the people were angry. They made Jesus leave Nazareth. They wanted to hurt Jesus, but Jesus walked away.

Review Questions:

- Which prophet's words did Jesus read from the scroll? (*Isaiah*)
- What did Jesus say God's Spirit had chosen Him to do? (*tell good news to the poor*)
- How did the people respond? (*The people were angry.*)

Bible Activity page:

- Access: **4 years – 1st Grade Activity pages 5-10-20** online.
- The first page is a coloring sheet.
- Following the color sheet is the Activity page and Answer Key.
- Follow the directions on the Activity page.

Craft:

- Access the craft page: **4 years – 1st Grade Craft 5-10-20** online.
- Follow the directions on the craft page.

Prayer

"Thank You God for sending Jesus to preach the good news. Thank You for giving us the Bible, Your Word so that we can also hear the good news. Help us to share the good news with those around us. Help us to show Your love to everyone. In Jesus' name, Amen."