



PRAY *Have a parent open up this lesson in prayer*

“Dear God, bless us in our time of Family Worship! Help us to understand the Bible more so that we can love You. Amen.”

OPENING ACTIVITY

Provide each kid with a small handful of buttons. Ask kids to sort the buttons by colour, size and shape. Then instruct the kids to sort the buttons and reject all of the button that have a certain trait (colour, number of holes, shape etc.). If you don't have buttons, use coins.

Say: You may have a good reason to reject certain buttons. For example, if you are replacing them, you might reject a button that was the wrong size or colour. Today we will learn about a time that people reject Jesus because of what He taught.

Ask: We know that Jesus helped a lot of people. That may make us wonder, “what makes people so special?”

Say: People are special because we are made in God's image, as male and female, to know God. God created us and loves us. He sent Jesus to save us because we are special to Him. Nothing else God created is described as made in God's image.

READ Have as many family members that can, read a part of Scripture below. You can either read the adapted version below, or the chapter indicated.

The **BIBLE** Story

Jesus Taught in Nazareth

Luke 4

Jesus went to the town of Nazareth where He had lived when He was a boy. Now Jesus was grown. He traveled all around, teaching people about God. **On the Sabbath day, Jesus went to the synagogue in Nazareth.** The synagogue was a special building where Jews met together to pray, worship, and learn about the Scriptures.



Jesus stood up to read Scripture. He unrolled the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and read: “The Spirit of the Lord 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 tell the blind that they can see, to free people who have been treated badly, and to announce that the Lord’s favor is on us.” Then Jesus rolled up the scroll. He gave it to the attendant and sat down.

Everyone in the synagogue stared at Jesus. Jesus said, “Today as you listened to Me reading these words, they came true.”

The people said good things about Jesus, and they were amazed at Him. But some of the people in Nazareth had known Jesus from His youth. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

Jesus said, “No prophet is accepted in his hometown.” Jesus told

the people about times when God used prophets to help people who were not Jews. He reminded them of Elijah and Elisha. When there was a terrible famine in Israel and no rain fell there for three and a half years, plenty of widows in the country needed help. But **the prophet Elijah did not help the widows in Israel. Instead, God sent Elijah to help a widow in another land.**

And when Elisha was a prophet, many people in Israel had leprosy. They wanted to be healed, but Elisha did not heal them. Instead, he healed a man named Naaman (NAY muhn), and Naaman was from Syria—a country that hated God’s people.

The people in the synagogue were angry. They forced Jesus out of town. They wanted to throw Him off a cliff, but Jesus walked right through the crowd and went on His way.

Christ Connection: Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote about God’s plan to send a Messiah. The Messiah would bring good news and redeem people who were broken and hurting. Jesus read Isaiah’s words and announced that He is the promised Messiah.

Bible Storytelling Tips

- **Stand and sit:** Begin the story seated. Stand when Jesus stands and sit back down when He sits.
- **Vary tone:** Speak boldly when speaking Jesus’ words. Whisper the questions of the crowd.

Take to Heart

As a family, take time to memorize the Key Bible Passage over the next several weeks! Take it to heart and notice how God’s Word becomes alive in you!

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

— John 3:16

LEARN *Take turns having people read the different parts. Have both kids and grown-ups read the questions and the answers. Let's learn about God together!*

Ask: Where did Jesus grow up?

Say: Jesus grew up in the town of Nazareth. Now in today's story, Jesus returned home and teach people about God.

Ask: Whose scroll did Jesus read from?

Say: He read from the Old Testament scroll of Isaiah. Back then, people didn't have books, everything was written in separate scrolls.

Say: One of the amazing things about the Bible is the way that it all fits together to tell one big story! Jesus proved this when he read from the scroll of Isaiah. The scroll talked about a



prophecy about captives being set free. It said that there would be someone anointed by God to bring good news. Jesus explained that He is the One that Isaiah had written about *700 years earlier!*

Ask: How did the people react to Jesus' teaching?

Say: When Jesus taught that He was the Messiah, the people were at first pretty impressed. But when Jesus reminded them of how Elijah helped people from outside Israel, they became angry and rejected Jesus.

Ask: What do you think it means to accept or reject Jesus?

Say: God's plan all along was to use the nation of Israel to bless the whole world with the Messiah. Jesus was reminding them that God's love doesn't stop with Jewish people, but extend to all people. To believe this is to accept Jesus.

Say: We receive the love of God which causes us to respond in faith. To have faith is to believe that Jesus can and will save us from our sin. When we have faith in Jesus, we let Him be in control of our lives. We love God because of how much He loved us. However, not everyone believes this. When they don't believe in Jesus, they reject the love of God.

PRACTICE YOUR FAITH

Pray for people we know to love Jesus and have faith in Him.

Say: *Jesus loves people and wants everyone to receive His love.*

But sometimes people reject God. This might be sad for us to think about. The best thing we can do for people who don't believe in Jesus is to pray that they might come to know God and love God too. Let pray that right now.

PRAY

"Dear God, we thank you that we know how much you love us. We pray that everyone may know about Jesus and how much you love them. May we be an example of Your love to other people, so that they may know you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Spread the News:

Jesus commands us to spread the news of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. It can be hard to share this news with our friends. Use the outline below to practice telling your family members about Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

GOD'S PLAN for US

The gospel is the good news, the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use these prompts to share the gospel with your kids.

	<p>GOD RULES. Ask: "Who is in charge at home?" Explain that because God created everything, He is in charge of everything. Read Revelation 4:11.</p> <hr/>
	<p>WE SINNED. Ask: "Have you ever done something wrong?" Tell kids that everyone sins, or disobeys God. Our sin separates us from God. Read Romans 3:23.</p> <hr/>
	<p>GOD PROVIDED. Explain that God is holy and must punish sin. God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserve. Read John 3:16.</p> <hr/>
	<p>JESUS GIVES. Ask: "What is the best gift you've ever received?" Say that Jesus took our punishment for sin by giving His life, and He gives us His righteousness. God sees us as if we lived the perfect life Jesus lived. This is the best gift ever! Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.</p> <hr/>
	<p>WE RESPOND. Explain that everyone has a choice to make. Ask: "Will you trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord? You can turn from self and sin and turn to Jesus." Read Romans 10:9-10.</p>