

The BIBLE STORY

Bible Storytelling Tips

Jesus Rejected in Nazareth

Luke 4:14-30

- **Draw on a chalkboard:**

When you read about Jesus going to the synagogue, draw a picture of a building. As you continue the story, draw a picture of a scroll, an amazed face, a raincloud, and an angry face.

- **Sit and stand:** Begin reading the story as you sit. Stand as Jesus read the Scripture. Then sit down again. Stand and stomp when the people forced Jesus out of town.

Jesus went to His hometown, Nazareth. On the Sabbath day, Jesus went to the synagogue like He usually did.

The Sabbath day was a holy day of rest. On that day, the Jews gathered in the synagogue to worship God. 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 back to the attendant and sat down.

Everyone who was 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 was far from ordinary. Even though Joseph raised Jesus as his own son, Jesus’ true Father is God.

Then Jesus said to them, “You will probably say this old proverb: ‘Doctor, heal yourself.’ You’ve heard about the miracles I performed in Capernaum, and you want Me to do them here in My hometown too.”

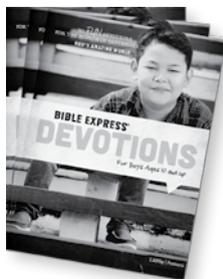
Jesus also said, “No prophet is accepted in his

hometown.” Jesus reminded the people of the prophets **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 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 listening to Jesus in the synagogue became 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. He would bring good news and redeem people who were broken and hurting. Jesus read Isaiah’s words and told everyone who was listening that He is the promised Messiah.



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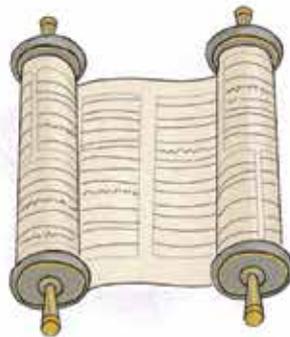
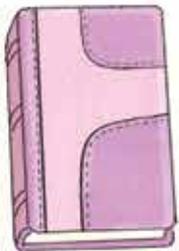
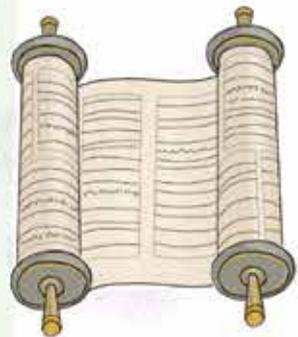
Invite kids to check out this week’s devotionals to discover that Jesus read the scroll as usual (Luke 4:16), and Jesus told the people that they had witnessed the prophecy’s fulfillment. (Luke 4:21) Order in bulk, subscribe quarterly, or purchase individually. For more information, check out www.lifeway.com/devotionals.



Match the Bibles

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INSTRUCTIONS: Draw lines to connect matching Bibles.



KEY PASSAGE: John 14:6

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Who did Jesus say He is? Jesus said He is God's Son.

BIBLE STORY:

JESUS REJECTED IN NAZARETH

- Jesus read God's words from Isaiah in the synagogue.
- Jesus said God's Word is about Him.
- Some people wanted to hurt Jesus because of what He said about Himself.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Read Isaiah 61:1-2. How did Jesus make God's words come true? How did Jesus do each thing listed in those verses?
- Why were some people angry because of what Jesus said?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Incorporate practices from your church's worship service—such as prayer, a favorite song, or Bible reading—in a time of home worship. Explain the practices to preschoolers.
- Pray for believers facing persecution for their faith. Identify a specific nation or people group for which to pray.

Preschool Activity Pages
Unit 21, Session 4

Says Who?

Match each quotation to the person who said it. Look up the Scripture references in the Bible to check your answers.

“How can anyone be born when he is old?”
(John 3:4)

“The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor.”
(Luke 4:18)



John the Baptist



Samaritan Woman

“Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could this be the Messiah?”
(John 4:29)

“He must increase, but I must decrease.”
(John 3:30)



Nicodemus



Jesus

Face Time Draw a face that shows each emotion. Then listen to the Bible story to hear how people felt when Jesus spoke.



HAPPY



ANGRY



CONFUSED



AMAZED

The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.



God rules. Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.



We sinned. Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)



God provided. Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.



Jesus gives. Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.



We respond. Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus. Provide *I'm a Christian Now* for new Christians to take home and complete with their families.