



UNIT 21 | SESSION 2 | May 16-17, 2020

Elementary Parent Guide

Jesus Taught in Nazareth

Bible Passage: Luke 4

Story Point: Jesus taught that He is the Messiah.

Key Passage: “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

Christ Connection: The Messiah would bring good news and help people who were broken and hurting.

Use this guide to unpack what your kids are learning in the KidCity Online Experience. Pick an activity that works best for your family and lead your kids through the discussion questions. Check out the [Younger Kids Activity Page](#) for K-1st or the [Older Kids Activity Page](#) for 2nd-5th as an additional resource for your kids to do during the week.

ACTIVITY OPTION 1: Accept or Reject

(No Supplies Needed)

Select someone to start the game by making a silly offer to another person in the room. That person must accept the statement by giving a thumbs-up or reject the statement by giving a thumbs-down based on how they feel about the offer. Then that person will make a silly offer to someone else in the room. Play passes in this way until each person has made an offer or two.

Suggested offers:

- I'll let you high-five my cactus.
- I'll tie your shoes together.
- I'll let you wear my sunglasses at night.
- I'll give you my money.
- I'll let you get my next flu shot.
- I'll do all your chores.
- I'll give you all my schoolwork.

SAY • Those were some silly offers. I don't blame you for saying no to most of them. Saying no to something is rejecting that thing Today's lesson talks about a time Jesus was rejected, even though what He had to say was wonderful and true. Why do you think people rejected Jesus?

ACTIVITY OPTION 2: Along the Line

(Masking Tape or Painter's Tape)

Use tape to mark a line down the middle of an open area. Designate one side as “good” and the other as “not good.” Ask participants to stand somewhere along the line based on how they feel about themselves in regard to different criteria.

Suggested criteria:

- Your skill at dancing
- Your ability to draw
- Your feelings about eating vegetables
- Your ability to touch your nose with your tongue
- Your feelings about helping with yardwork

Then ask how they feel about their relationship with God. Consider where along the line a person would be to need Jesus to save him or her.

SAY • We sometimes make the mistake of thinking certain sinful choices are worse than others. Some people may think they are good enough and don't need a Savior. Some people may think they are so bad that they cannot be saved. The truth is, everyone who is on the line needs saving. There's no such thing as being “too good to need Jesus” or “too bad for Jesus to save you.” We all need to be saved.

Jesus taught that He is the Messiah. He alone can save us when we ask Him to. He wants to see all people saved!

DISCUSSION

(Bible)

Luke was a doctor who wrote from eyewitness accounts to show that Jesus is both fully God and fully man, and He came to save all people.

- **When we are rejected, how should we respond?** As Jesus did, with love and forgiveness.
- **Have you accepted or rejected Jesus?** We can accept Him and receive eternal life.

Guide kids to open their Bibles to Luke 4. Choose someone to read aloud Luke 4:21-22. Then discuss the following questions.

1. What made Jesus different than other religious teachers?

Prompt kids to recall that Jesus spoke with authority. He is the Word (John 1:1) and did not rely on tradition or other people to explain Scripture. Jesus came from heaven and is Lord over all things. He is God the Son and the promised Messiah. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Phil. 2:3-4)

2. Jesus' promise to help everyone, no matter where they were from, upset the people in Nazareth. What does this tell you about God's heart and man's heart?

Help kids recognize that God loves all people. God's heart is full of mercy and love. Apart from Jesus, man's heart is full of envy, pride, and selfishness. (Option: read Phil. 2:3-4)

3. Will Jesus always answer our prayers for healing? Why or why not?

Acknowledge that sin causes pain and suffering. Sometimes God chooses to answer our prayers for healing and restoration; other times He seems silent. We don't always understand God's plan, but He is good and one day He will make all things right. (Option: read Daniel 3:17-18)

REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Pray as a family and ask the following questions:

What does this story teach me about God?

What does this story teach me about myself?

Who can I tell about this story?

CONNECT

(Younger Kids Activity Page – K-1st, Older Kids Activity Page – 2nd-5th)

Download the Kids Activity Page and encourage your child to do it at home with you this week.