

**August 20**  
**9:00am & 11:00am**  
*Three and Four Year Olds*  
**People Rejected Jesus (Luke 4)**

**CHRIST CONNECTION:**

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

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

How can we be saved? We are only saved by trusting in Jesus..

**KEY PASSAGE:** *Without faith it is impossible to please God. Hebrews 11:6*

**Key Passage Phrase:** *Believe in God. Hebrews 11:6*

## LEARN

### 1. GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON

Gain preschoolers' attention by turning the lights off and on or clapping a simple rhythm for children to copy as you transition to *Learn*.

#### INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Suggest several situations and ask children to show you with their facial expressions whether it would make them feel glad or mad. Consider statements like, "Let's go to the zoo!" "Mom made broccoli for dinner." "It's your birthday!" "A friend knocked over your block tower." "Jesus is the Messiah God promised to send."

**SAY** *In today's Bible story, Jesus read God's words that helped the people know that He was the Messiah God promised to send. Listen to hear whether Jesus' words made the people glad or mad.*

### 2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

\*9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.\*

**How?** Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

*If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.*

### 3. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

When people have faith in Jesus, they are saved. They believe that Jesus is the Messiah who God sent to take the punishment for sin by dying on the cross. How can we be saved? We are only saved by trusting in Jesus.

### 4. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the following review questions:

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)
2. What did Jesus read to the people in the synagogue? (*a Bible scroll; words of Isaiah*)
3. Why did the people in Nazareth reject Jesus? How did people in Nazareth respond when Jesus told them God chose Him to bring good news to all people? (*Jesus told the people about times God used prophets to help people who were not Jews, people different from them.*)
4. Who is the Messiah God promised to send? (*Jesus*)
5. ***How can we be saved? We are only saved by trusting in Jesus.***

**SAY** *Many years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote about the Messiah God promised to send. Jesus is the promised Messiah. He traveled to many places to share the good news with all people. Some people were very happy when they heard His words. They believed Jesus. In today's Bible story, Jesus traveled to His hometown, Nazareth, to tell the people that He is the One God promised to send. The people were angry with Jesus. They did not believe His words. Even though some people did not believe, Jesus continued to travel and tell people about God's love for them.*

### 5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Place the key passage marker at Romans 5:8. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage.

Lead children to say the passage together. Guide children to keep a steady beat by clapping their hands or patting their knees. Suggest preschoolers practice the verse a few more times as they keep a steady beat.

**SAY** *We have learned our key passage the last few weeks. It reminds us: 'While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.' Romans 5:8. We all sin. We make wrong choices. Jesus always did the right thing and never sinned. Jesus loves us so much that He came and took the punishment for our sins by dying on the cross. He rose from the grave and He is alive. God loves us so much that*

## 6. PRAY

**SAY** *God, You promised to send the Messiah to save people from the wrong things they do. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be the Savior of the world. The Bible tells us that not everyone believed the words Jesus shared with them. We pray that people today will believe the good news they hear about Your love for them. Amen.*

## ACTIVITIES

### SAY YES OR NO

Invite preschoolers to respond to yes or no questions. Encourage them to give a “thumbs-up” to answer yes or a “thumbs-down” to answer no. (Possible questions: Do you like broccoli? Do you have a brother? Do you believe the Bible is true? Do you like to color? Do you like to eat ice cream? Do you believe Jesus is the One God promised to send? Can we only be saved by trusting in Jesus?)

**SAY** *When people heard the message Jesus shared, some people were happy. They believed that He was the One God promised to send. They said 'yes' to Jesus and had faith in Him. When Jesus traveled to Nazareth, the people did not believe His message. They said 'no' to Jesus' words. We can choose to say 'yes' or 'no' to Jesus, too. By choosing to believe we can be saved by trusting in Jesus, we say 'yes' to Him.*

**ACTIVITY PAGE** (please send this home with parents)

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ connection.

**SAY** *Jesus is the Messiah God promised to send. Jesus would bring good news and help people who were hurting.*

## OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Luke 4. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

### PEOPLE REJECTED JESUS

#### STORYTELLING TIPS

Read from a scroll: Roll a sheet of paper into a scroll. As you tell the Bible story, pretend to read it from the scroll.

Sit in the synagogue: Pretend the group time area is a synagogue. Explain that a synagogue is a building where Jews met together to pray, worship God, and learn about the Scriptures. Invite them to join you in the “synagogue” to hear the story.

**When Jesus was grown up, He went to the town of Nazareth where He lived when He was a young boy. Jesus traveled 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 kindness 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."**

*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.***

*Christ Connection: Long before Jesus was born, Isaiah the prophet talked about God's plan to send a Messiah to earth. Jesus is the Messiah God promised to send. Jesus would bring good news and help people who were hurting.*

## **DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS**

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

**August 20**  
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*Two Year Olds*

## **People Rejected Jesus (Luke 4)**

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** God loves all people. He wants everyone who trusts in Jesus to love Him and love others.

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

How can we be saved? We are only saved by trusting in Jesus..

**KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:** *Believe in God. Hebrews 11:6*

## **LEARN**

*(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)*

### **1. INTRODUCTORY GROUP TIME ACTIVITY**

Lead the toddlers in a game of “Follow the Command,” using the traditional follow-the-leader rules. Choose a leader for the rest of the toddlers to follow. Allow the leader to complete a few commands and choose a new leader. Assign new leaders and play as time permits.

**SAY** *In our game, the command was to follow the person in front of you. Paul was a follower of Jesus who served God. He wrote a letter to a church in Corinth. Let's listen to our Bible story to hear what Paul had to say.*

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### **3. LEARN AND PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE**

Place the key passage phrase marker at Romans 5:8. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Lead preschoolers to stand and pretend to draw water from a well as they say the key passage phrase a few times as a group.

## **ACTIVITIES**

### **SING THE B-I-B-L-E**

Sing “The B-I-B-L-E / Yes, that's the book for me / I stand alone on the Word of God / The B-I-B-L-E.” If you are unfamiliar with this tune, listen to it online before class. Each time you say the word *Bible*, hold up your Bible for toddlers to see.

**SAY** *Jesus read God's Word. The Bible is God's Word. We can read the Bible and learn more about God.*

### **COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE** *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ connection.

**SAY** *Jesus traveled and taught people about God. Jesus read God's Word and told the good news. Can we tell others about God too? Yes, we can tell others about God.*

## **OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:**

Jesus traveled and taught people about God. One day, Jesus went to Nazareth, the place He grew up. Jesus went to the synagogue, a special building, to worship God. He stood up and read God's Word from Isaiah's scroll: “God's Spirit is on Me. He has chosen Me to tell good news, to set people free, and to help the hurting.” Then Jesus sat down. Jesus said, “These words came true today.” The people were confused. Jesus told the people about times when God used prophets to help people who were not Jews. Many of the people in the synagogue were happy, but some people were angry. Jesus left Nazareth, but God kept Jesus safe.

**Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.**