

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Luke

Lesson 5

Jesus Reads in Church

Luke 4:14-30

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Younger Verse

"God's Spirit is on me."

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Older Verse

"God's Spirit is on me; He's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor."

Bible Story



Luke 4:18

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

We have been learning about Jesus as He began His public ministry. When He was baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon Him in a special way. After Jesus was baptized, the devil tempted Him to do sinful things. Did Jesus do anything wrong? (No.) Jesus resisted Satan's temptation by saying Bible verses.

Jesus went to Galilee, and He was filled with the Holy Spirit's power. He taught in the Jewish churches, called synagogues. Everyone knew and liked Jesus.

One Sabbath day, Jesus went to the synagogue in His hometown of Nazareth. This was the place Jesus had grown up! During the service, Jesus stood up to read the Scriptures. Someone handed Him the scroll of Isaiah the prophet. (Isaiah is a book in the Bible. Different parts of Scripture were written on large rolls of paper, called scrolls.)

Jesus opened the scroll and read these words: "God's Spirit is on me; He's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor (from Isaiah 61:1-2)." The Scripture goes on to say that He was sent to free the prisoners and give sight to the blind. Then Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back, and sat down. Everyone looked at Him, and then Jesus said, "This Scripture has come true today before your very eyes!"

Lesson Goals

Learn that Jesus was not accepted in His hometown

Understand that Jesus came to set us free from our sins

Recognize that we can share the Good News with others

All the people were amazed at Jesus' words. Then they started asking each other, "Isn't this Joseph's son?" They wondered how someone from their hometown could make such a claim as this. Jesus told them that He knew they wouldn't believe Him, because none of the Old Testament men of God were accepted in their hometowns, either.

When Jesus compared Himself to the men of God, the people in the church got angry! They took Jesus to a hill and tried to throw Him off, but Jesus got away from them.

Isn't it sad that the people didn't believe that Jesus was God's Son? Jesus *did* come to set the prisoners free. We are all prisoners because of our sin. We cannot save ourselves. We need someone to pay the price to set us free. And that is what Jesus did for us! He died on the cross and rose again. He paid the ultimate price for our freedom from sin. But, we have to believe in Him and accept Him into our life to receive this freedom. Why not choose Christ today?

Review Questions

1. What town did Jesus visit? (Nazareth in Galilee)
2. What was special about this town? (It was Jesus' hometown.)
3. What did Jesus do in the synagogue on the Sabbath day? (He read from the scroll of Isaiah the prophet.)
4. Why didn't the people like what Jesus said? (They did not believe He was God's Son.)

Life Application

The popular song "Amazing Grace" says, "I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see." Only Jesus can do this for us. Have we let Jesus save us? Are we helping others to know that Jesus can save them?

When we accept Christ, His Holy Spirit enters our life. So we, too, can say that God's Spirit is on us, and He has sent us to tell the Good News that Jesus saves!

Planning for Lesson 6
Jesus Heals People
Luke 4:31-44

**Preschool Lesson
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Jesus knew that these verses were talking about Him. He wanted to share them so that others would understand that God sent Him for a very special purpose.

But the people did not understand what Jesus was talking about. They decided they did not like Jesus, so Jesus went away from them.

The Bible says that we are all prisoners because of the bad things we do, called sin. Only Jesus can set us free from our sin. When He died on the cross and rose again, he gave us a way to be set free from our sins. When we believe in Jesus and ask Him into our heart, He forgives our sins and gives us a clean heart. We are no longer prisoners!



**Hands-on Activities
for
Jesus Reads in Church**

Make a scroll out of paper and write the verse on it!

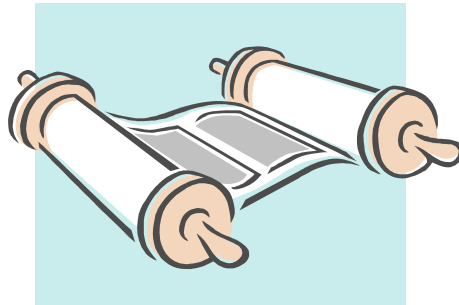
Roll fruit roll-ups like a scroll and eat them!

Try to help the kids learn the books of the Bible. Hopefully the kids are learning the importance of reading their Bibles and learning verses. Talk about it with the kids. Share how Bible verses have helped you in hard times and have encouraged you also. Help them see that God's Word is living and active!

Play a Bible freeze tag game. If someone is tagged, they must freeze. To get unfrozen, someone must tap them and say a book of the Bible.

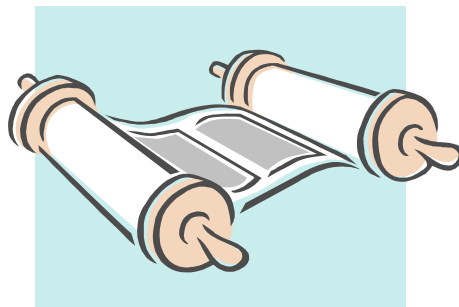
Cut out feet patterns and write a book of the Bible on each footprint. (You may want to do just Old Testament or New Testament). Tape them to the floor and let the kids follow the path in order of the books. (You may want to put several footprints close together as a challenge.) If they step on a foot in the wrong order, they must begin at the beginning again. Make it fun. Remember that starting over helps them remember the books even better!

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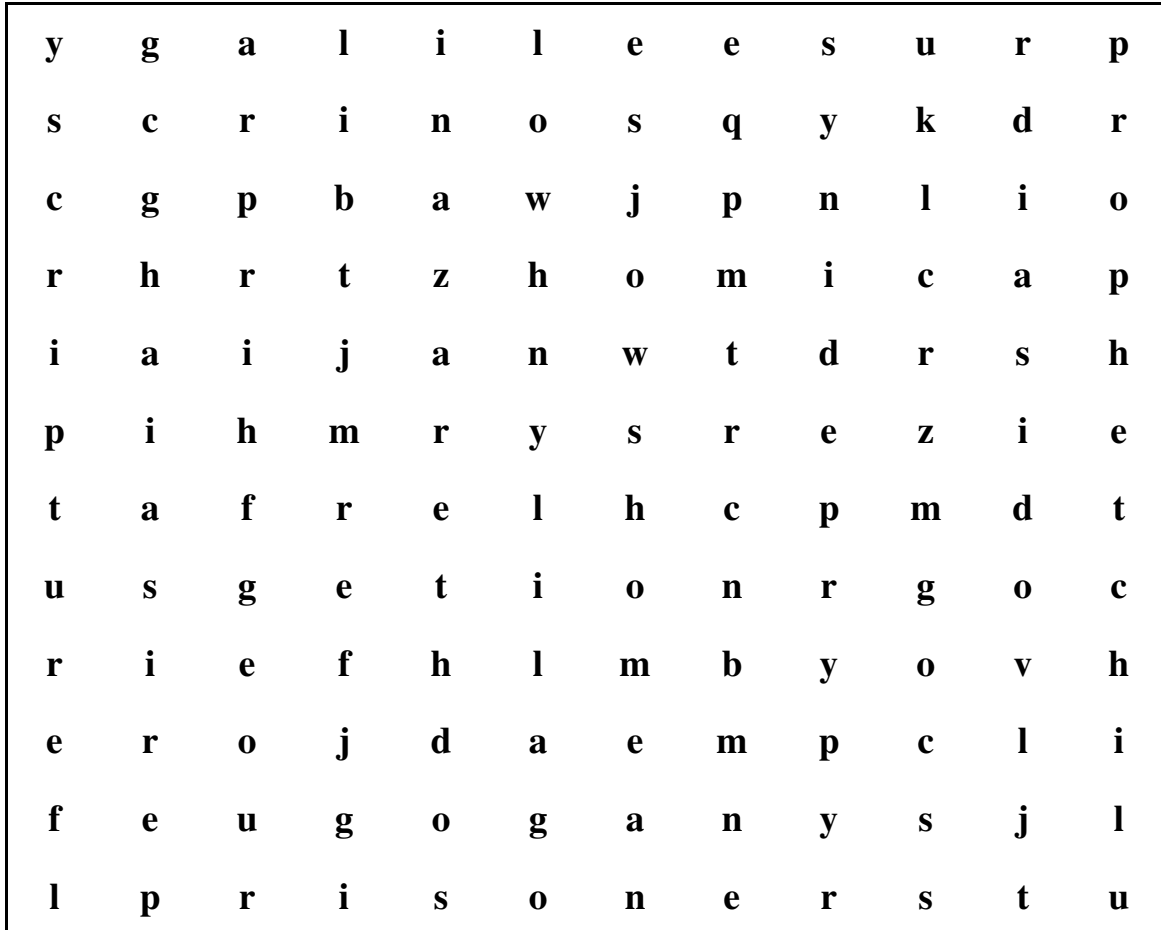
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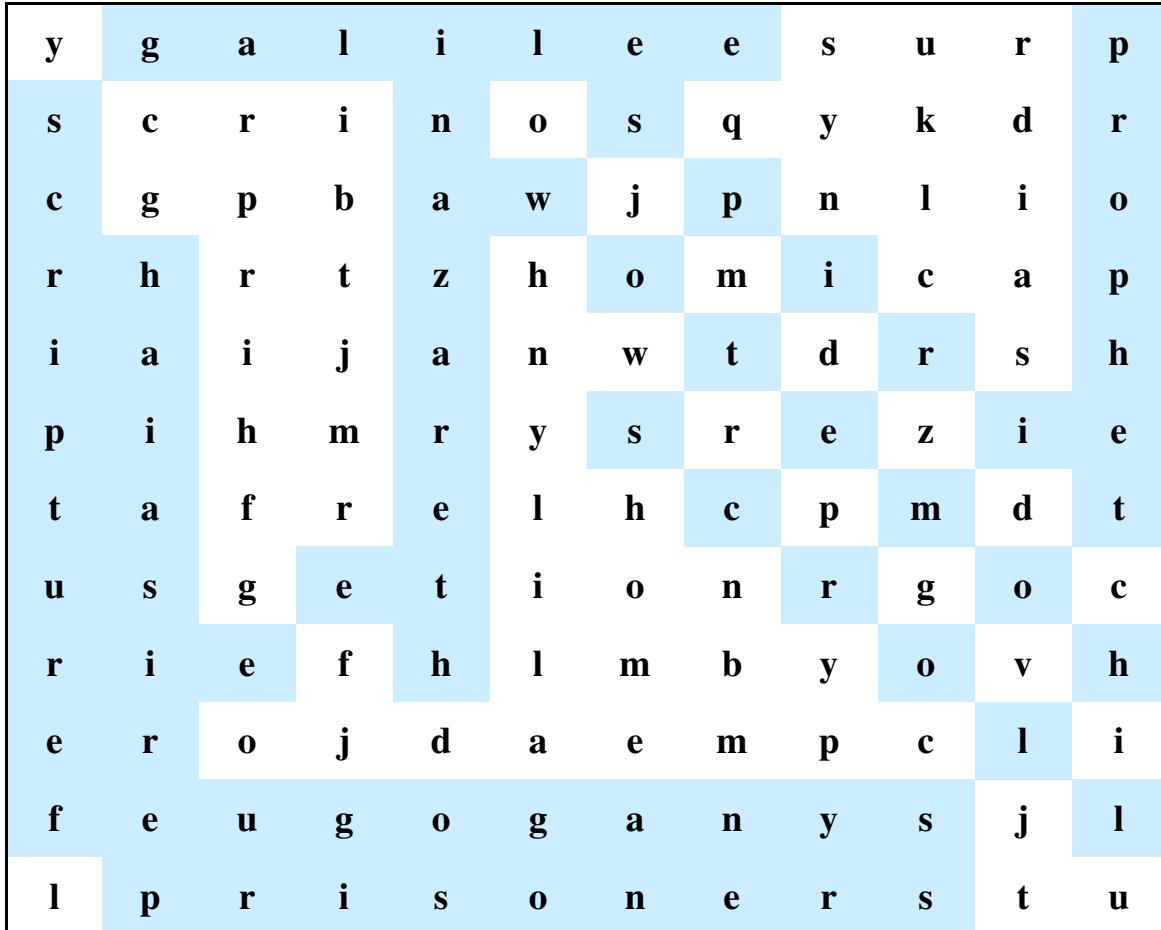
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