

# MD KIDS CURRICULUM: LUKE

Week 6: Nazareth Sermon from (Luke 4:14-21) Preschool Lesson

## To the Teacher:

*The words of Jesus were often shocking to people and difficult to understand. The passage this week shows us that he took things God's people thought they knew, and reveals an even deeper and better meaning behind them. Pray for the kids to have 'ears to hear' the words and intent of Jesus this week!*

**Big Idea and Missio Basic:** As God's children we are formed by God Word but sometimes the good news of Jesus is often not what we expect.

**Starter Ideas:** You may choose to set up all or some of these activity centers for the children to play with or do as they arrive. Help children with the activities. Kids can stay in one center or travel to more than one.

1. Coloring page: Coloring page: Have the kids color a picture of the scroll provided.
2. Free Play: Allow the kids to play with the classroom toys. (dolls, basketball, cars, tea party set, dress up, etc)
3. True Story: Make the true story symbols with the craft sticks provided. As the kids make each symbol explain to them what they mean (Creation- God created the world and everything was perfect, just the way it was supposed to be. Rebellion- Adam and Eve chose to disobey God's rule, etc)

**Circle Time:** When all the kids have arrived and have had time to participate in at least one center, walk around the room and have each child follow you around the circle until you have a line with everyone in it. Lead them to the circle for prayer time. (Like playing follow the leader.)

**Welcome Song:** (To the tune of "Are You Sleeping?")

**Welcome, [Name]**

**Welcome, [Name]**

**Hear God's Word**

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**We can trust in Jesus.**

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**Welcome, friends.**

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Repeat until every kid and adult has been welcomed.

**Jesus taught us to share peace. We share peace in a special way by repeating Jesus' special words. Jesus used these words of peace when the disciples were scared. Jesus said, "Peace be with you." We share the peace of Jesus. During worship we can say, "Peace be with you."**

Make sure kids are sitting in a circle on the floor. Kneel down in front of each person/kid and share God's peace by shaking their hand and saying, "Peace be with you." Remember to honor those kids who do not want to be touched! **Let's all say Jesus' words of peace. "Peace be with you."** Repeat a few times before moving on to prayer.

### **Prayer Time:**

**Praying for Others:** Ask the kids if they have anything that they would like to have prayed for. Share requests and then have someone pray for them. Remind the kids to pray for friends throughout the week.

**Praying Together:** (*touch your nose for 'smell', your ears for 'hear', etc.*)  
*God, help us use our **ears** to **hear** you, our **eyes** to **see** you, and our **brains** to **understand** your word. Thank you Jesus that you live in a body like ours.*

### **Starter:**

"Finish that Phrase"

Start a few common sayings or song lines and ask the kids to finish the rest.

Here are some examples you can use:

- 'Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle...'
- 'Ring around the rosy, pocket full of posies, ashes, ashes...'
- 'For God so loved...'

In today's story, Jesus starts to read something many Jewish people were familiar with, but purposely does not finish.

**Story:** from Luke 4:14-21

[READ]

*After Jesus beat Satan's temptations in the desert, he went back to the town of Galilee full of the Spirit's power. He started teaching people about God's kingdom and everyone was talking about and praising Jesus. Then he went to Nazareth, the town he grew up in, and went to the place where people worshipped and learned about God.*

*Jesus stood up and began to read the Scriptures, from words the prophet Isaiah wrote hundreds of years before Jesus came. He read:*

***'God's Holy Spirit is with me,  
because he has anointed me, to speak good news to the poor. God has sent me to bring freedom to the prisoners,  
to help the blind see, to save people from being taken advantage of, to tell of God's favor...'***

*Then he stopped reading, right in the middle of a sentence. He rolled up the scroll, put it away, and sat down. Everyone was amazed, mostly because they expected him to finish the last sentence that said, 'to tell of God's favor... and of his vengeance'.*

*But he didn't say that. While everyone was looking at Jesus in amazement, he said, "Today, what I read is coming true because of me."*

Jesus stood up (have everyone stand up) and said, "Everyone's free!" Have the kids cheer, "We are free!"

[Some things to remember as you are talking to the kids.]

- The passage Jesus read is from Isaiah 61:1-2
  - Ask: What does favor mean? What does vengeance mean?
  - Jesus stopped after saying he was bringing God's favor and didn't read the part about God's vengeance.
    - John 3:17, "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."
- Did Jesus not believe all of Isaiah's words about God's judgement?
  - Of course he did. But he stopped at the right part of the Story.
  - His first coming was to bring good news & a chance for salvation - an invitation into God's Kingdom
  - He will come again and those who choose to live in a different kingdom than God's will not experience the freedom Jesus brings (Teacher - see 2 Thess. 1:6-10 & Rev. 19:15)

**Snack Time: Let's take a big stretch!** Pause for kids to stretch and get the wiggles out. Clean the table for snack time. Help the kids wash hands together before delving into today's snack. Sing songs while you wash hands. You can give them each a wipe or a squirt of hand sanitizer. Have the children have a seat at the table. Today's snack is goldfish or veggie straws. Make sure none of the kids have an allergy to them. Begin passing out the napkins, goldfish or veggie straws, and cups of water.

**BLESS Activity:**

*\*For kids to do during the week\**

*Is there someone you know who is sick? Hurt? In need? How can you Speak some of Jesus' words from today with them as good news?*

Optional playground time: If you have extra time please feel free to take the kids to the playground. Please be mindful that 2-4's playground time does not start until 5:30PM.

**Closing Prayer:**

**Dear God,**

**Thank you for your word, The Bible.**

**Thank you that Jesus brings good news, freedom and love to those that trust him.**

**Thank you God, Jesus and Holy Spirit.**