



Jesus Proclaims His Good News to Sinners

MAIN IDEAS

- God sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus.
- Jesus came to proclaim good news to sinners.
- Jesus was sent by God to save sinners.

MEMORY VERSE

[Jesus said,] *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.”*—Luke 4:18a

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Luke 3:1-6
- 2) Luke 4:14-21



LESSON SUMMARY

After Jesus returned from His experience in the wilderness, the Bible says that He returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit (Luke 4:14). He was now ready to begin the mission for which He was sent: to fulfill the word of the prophets by revealing that He, Jesus of Nazareth, was the promised Savior sent by God to save His people from their sin. Jesus was not shy or bashful in His approach. He went right into the synagogue, stood up, and declared His divine purpose. Some would see Jesus' message as the ravings of an insane blasphemer. But to many hopeless sinners who longed to be saved, Jesus' message was the greatest news ever proclaimed. It was rescue from sin and the wrath of God, so that they could rejoice in the presence of God forever. And to those who believed in Him, the Gospel of Jesus became the power of God for salvation.

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray...



- *for hearts that embrace and rejoice in the words of Jesus, and mouths that are eager to share His words of salvation with others.*
- *that God would give both you and your child ears to hear and minds to understand the good news that Jesus proclaims.*
- *that your child will embrace and rejoice in the saving message of Jesus.*

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

Explain the meaning of Luke 4:18a to your child. For example: To “anoint” someone means to choose them to do something special. Poor people are people who need something—specifically, sinners who desperately need forgiveness.

- **Who chose Jesus to do a special job?** [God did.] **What was the good news that Jesus was going to preach?**
- **Have you ever needed something really important?** For example, have you ever fallen and scraped your knee? **When something like that happens, what good news would you want to hear from daddy and mommy?** [maybe something like, “Come here, I have a hug for you, and a bandage and medicine that will help you feel better.”] **Why is Jesus' good news for helpless sinners the best news of all?**
- **Are you excited that God has sent Jesus?** Think of one way you could praise God this week for the good news He has sent you.
- **If you are not excited about this good news, what keeps you from feeling happy that Jesus has come to save sinners?**

ACTION STEP

Pretend this week to be a news person on television and announce to your viewing audience (your family) the good news that Jesus came to share.

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