

KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 5/10/20

SCRIPTURE: Luke 4

LESSON: Jesus Taught in Nazareth

INTRO



Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week we learned about some of the miracles that Jesus performed. Jesus healed some people who were so sick that no doctor could heal, which is so cool! But that wasn't the most important thing. It was more important that they knew God's love for them. This week, we are going to learn that God's plan all along was to send a Messiah to save everyone who would believe, but surprisingly, some people did not like the way God went about the plan.

Celebrate Mom - But first, before we get started ... we're celebrating Mother's Day this week! Your mom works so hard everyday to make your home great and to love you and help you know about Jesus! So stop everything right now and everyone go give Mom a huge hug! Look her in the eyes and tell her how much you love her.

LESSON - JESUS TAUGHT IN NAZARETH



Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus Taught in Nazareth](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

Isaiah prophesied that an amazing Messiah would come. (Kids repeat!)

Isaiah promised a Messiah would come. Messiah means "deliverer" or "savior." Isaiah said the Messiah would bring good news, fix broken hearts, make the blind see and set captives free! The Jews couldn't wait for the Messiah to come!

Think about one of your favorite movies when all hope seems lost and it feels like the bad guys are winning. (*Parents, help your kids think of this moment - e.g. in Frozen, Anna is completely frozen, but then Elsa comes in to save the day.*) Think about how desperately you want the hero to show up to save the day... That's kind of how God's people felt about waiting for the Messiah to come. And that leads us to...

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus said He was Isaiah's amazing promised Messiah. (Kids repeat!)

It had been 700 years since Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would come, and now He was finally here! Jesus was the Messiah! He was going to rescue God's people from their desperate situation. He was going to fix broken hearts, and help people see, and set people free. How excited do you think the people in the crowd were? This is amazing!! Our hero is here. He's going to help us and make our lives better!!! But then Jesus started saying some weird things. And that brings us to ...

Story Point #3: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus said He wasn't just there to help the Israelites. (Kids repeat!)

Jesus reminded people of some Old Testament stories where God used Elijah and Elisha to help people who weren't Jews. The Jews got very angry at what Jesus was saying - they wanted to be God's favorites. They didn't want to share God's blessings with others. Especially not their enemies! They only wanted the Messiah to come and save them. But that wasn't God's plan. The people were angry because this wasn't ...



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what they expected. Jesus said the kingdom was much bigger than just them, and it would involve God loving and forgiving the people they hated the most. The Jews were so mad about this they threw Jesus out of town. Which brings us to...

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus is the Messiah whether or not He helps you the way you want. (kids repeat) Isaiah said the Messiah would set captives free - and that is exactly what Jesus came to Earth to do. He came to free people from their sin. But Jesus didn't just want to save the Jews; He wanted to save all people who know they are sinners and who trust Him to fix their broken hearts. When we trust Jesus with our lives, He helps us see the world the way we're supposed to.. Our sin makes us blind, but Jesus helps us see what is true. If we trust Jesus, He will save us - no matter who we are, no matter what we've done.

RESPONSE



Sing: [In This Way](#)
[Rejoice, Pray and Give Thanks](#)

Pray: Lord, thank You that You care for me and want what is best for me. Help me to trust You and what You want more than I trust me and what I want. Amen.

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What Old Testament prophet/scroll did Jesus teach from? *Isaiah*
- What does Messiah mean? *Deliverer, Savior*
- What did the scroll of Isaiah say the Messiah would do? *Make the blind see, bind up broken hearts, set captives free*
- Why do you think the people were upset that others would be getting these blessings of the Messiah?
- Why do you think it is hard to trust God when it seems like other people have blessings you don't?
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
 - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com.*

BONUS ACTIVITIES



Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

Parent Share - Talk to kids about a time when Jesus freed you from a sin that you had felt powerless to conquer on your own.

Make Your Own Scripture Scroll - Help kids look up Isaiah 61:1-2 and write down some of the verse about the Messiah. If you have tea bags at your house, you can soak the tea bags in warm water and use them to stain the paper and make it look old. Once the paper has dried, roll from both sides toward the middle, and tie a piece of string around it.