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Jesus Brings Good News

Luke 4:16-30



YOUR BIBLE READING

Jesus brings good news that reaches beyond the people who expect it.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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Good News Read Aloud

Luke 4:16-30



Jesus came to Nazareth, the town where he had grown up. On the Sabbath, he went into the synagogue, as was his custom, and stood to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. A synagogue was a gathering place for hearing Scripture and worshiping God. The people were about to hear familiar sacred words, but Jesus would connect those words with what was happening in their presence.

He found the passage about the Spirit of the Lord resting upon one sent with good news. The message named poor people, captives, blind people, and those crushed by oppression. It spoke of release, restored sight, and the time of God's favor. The promise concerned people whose needs and burdens could easily be overlooked. God's good news was being announced in terms of freedom, care, and a new beginning for those living under heavy difficulties.

Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. Everyone's attention remained fixed on him. He told them that this Scripture had been fulfilled in their hearing that day. The words were no longer presented only as a promise far away in time. Jesus was announcing that the work described by Isaiah was arriving through him. The scene joins the reading of Scripture with a direct claim about his mission.

The people were amazed at his gracious words and spoke of him as Joseph's son. They knew his connection to their own town. That familiarity, however, did not mean they understood all that he was saying. Jesus anticipated that they would ask him to do in Nazareth what they had heard happened elsewhere. The conversation was moving toward a question about whether being his hometown gave them a special claim upon the work God was doing.

Remember: God's good news includes care for people who are poor or pushed aside.

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A Welcome That Turned to Anger

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Jesus said that a prophet is not accepted in his own hometown. Then he pointed to two accounts from Israel's Scriptures. In Elijah's time, many widows in Israel suffered during the drought and famine, yet Elijah was sent to a widow in Zarephath in Sidon. The help reached a household outside Israel. Jesus' example asked his listeners to remember that God's care had not always followed the boundaries they might expect.

He also spoke about Naaman, the Syrian commander healed in Elisha's time. There were people with skin disease in Israel, yet this foreigner had received healing. The examples were not invented adventures from Jesus' childhood. They were stories his listeners could recognize from Scripture. Together, they challenged the idea that God's gifts must be controlled by a town's familiarity with a prophet or by the limits of one people's own group.

The listeners became furious. They rose, drove Jesus out of town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which it was built. They intended to throw him down. The shift from wondering at gracious words to threatening violence is disturbing. The good news had not been withdrawn, but the people's response had changed. They were resisting a message that did not give them the special claim they wanted to make.

Jesus passed through the crowd and went on his way. Luke does not explain the exact movement or describe him flying, becoming invisible, or striking anyone. We can leave the manner of his departure where the account leaves it. The scene ends with him continuing rather than carrying out the crowd's demand. His mission remained the one announced from Isaiah: God's Spirit bringing good news, freedom, and hope in ways wider than the hometown's expectations.

Pause and think: When could celebrating another person's good help make your own welcome wider?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Good News Beyond Our Own Group



It is easy to welcome a promise when we imagine it is only for people like us. Jesus' examples made his listeners face help reaching outsiders. Think about a time someone else received care or an opportunity you wanted. Another person's good does not automatically make you less valuable. We can learn to celebrate help reaching a wider circle, especially people whose needs have often been ignored.

The reading from Isaiah names people with real burdens. Poverty, disability, and captivity do not make a person less worthy. They are not simple signs of personal failure. In our lives, responding to good news includes treating people with dignity and noticing barriers that make daily life harder. Listening to what someone actually needs is better than deciding that we already understand their whole situation.

The crowd's anger became dangerous. Disagreement never gives us permission to harm someone. If a conversation becomes threatening, children should seek safe adult help. We can ask hard questions without turning people into enemies. Jesus' words invite us to consider whether our welcome is wide enough to include the people God's care may reach beyond our familiar group.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Jesus announced God's good news for burdened people and challenged a welcome limited to one familiar group.

When could celebrating another person's good help make your own welcome wider?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. Whose scroll did Jesus read?

2. What did Jesus say about the promise?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ He explains the promise and God's help to outsiders.
- ☐ Angry listeners take him out, but he passes through them.
- ☐ Jesus reads Isaiah in the synagogue.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw an open scroll with pictures of help and hope around it.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

God's good news includes care for people who are poor or pushed aside.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Luke 4:18-19

A thoughtful conversation

Jesus and his listeners are Jewish. Describe the actions of this particular crowd without blaming Jewish people generally. Keep the threatened violence brief and free of frightening detail.

Activity answers

1. The prophet Isaiah's.
2. It was being fulfilled as the people heard him.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 2, 3, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

God, make our hearts open to your good news and to our neighbors' needs. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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