

## Teacher's Lesson for children

# Life of Christ

## Jesus reads in church

**Luke 4:14-22**

Younger Verse

I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11

Older Verse

I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11

Welcome Time

Have you ever come to Bible study and not really listened to the lesson? Maybe you came to get snacks or see some of your friends. Some people may hear the Bible lesson, but they don't do anything about it. Today's lesson helps us see what Jesus wants us to do.

Bible Story

*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.*

When Jesus lived, many people just went to church because it was the thing to do. They didn't really understand who God was and they didn't know that Jesus was God's Son.

One church day, Jesus went back to His hometown. He stood up to read from the scrolls (big long rolls with parts of the Bible written on it) The scroll of Isaiah (in the Old Testament) was given to Him. He read Isaiah 61:1-2. (Let's look it up quickly) Jesus knew the Bible so well that He 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.

After Jesus shared these words, He sat down. This made everyone so curious. They wondered what He was going to say. Jesus told them that that verse in Isaiah was coming true today. He was telling them that He was the one who would help free people.

The people still didn't understand what Jesus meant. Do you know what Jesus is talking about? The freedom He talks about is the freedom to go to Heaven because of what Jesus did for us. Jesus knew that there was no way we could go to Heaven by ourselves. So, He died for all our wrongs so that we could be "free" and go to Heaven if we trust Him. Some people read the Bible or go to church all their lives and never understand that Jesus is the only way to Heaven. It's true! Believing Jesus is the only way for all people to go to Heaven. If you would like to learn more, talk to me about it.

Lesson Goals

To understand the importance of reading and memorizing the Bible  
To see that learning and knowing the Bible helps us be like Jesus

You won't believe what happened next! The crowd got upset at what Jesus said! They tried to hurt Jesus! They carried Him to a cliff in the city and tried to throw Him off!!

Jesus did not get angry or fight back. Instead, the Bible says that He simply walked through the crowd and went on His way.

The people did not understand that Jesus really was God's Son. Do you know that? The Bible tells us that God loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to make way for us to get to Heaven. We must tell God that we are sorry for our wrongs, ask Him to forgive us, and ask Him to come into our heart. Jesus promises to come into our heart and stay with us forever. He will help us tell others about Him and do things God's way.

What have you learned today? (listen for answers—if the kids did not understand the lesson, teach it so they will know it. Don't worry that you may run over the time. It is important for the children to learn and apply the lesson.) We can learn that Jesus knew the Bible and learned lessons from it. He also shared it with others. And we can see that we need to listen and learn from the Bible too. What are some things we can do this week to learn and know the Bible? (encourage each response and challenge the group to do it this week)

**Learning Activities**

Practice learning the books of the Bible. Share activities that will help them apply today's lesson to their lives.

**Memory Verse Activities**

The verse today tells us that we should memorize God's Word, the Bible. Ask the kids things that they know from memory. They will probably say things like phone numbers, addresses, words to songs, etc. Share how this verse asks us to memorize verses from the Bible. Encourage them to learn this verse for memory.

**Prayer Time**

Thank God for the Bible and that we live in a country where we can go to church easily and own a Bible. Thank Him for our minds and ask Him to help us understand and remember the Bible.

**Snack Time/CleanUp**

During snack time, ask the kids about what they learned and how Jesus can make a difference in their lives.

Planning for February 8th  
Jesus heals people  
Luke 4:31-44

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Preschool Lesson  
For  
Jesus reads in Church

One church day, Jesus went back to the town that He lived in when He was a boy. He stood up to read from the scrolls. Do you remember what scrolls are? They are big pieces of paper on which the Bible was written a long time ago.

The scroll from the book of Isaiah (in the Old Testament) was given to Him. He read Isaiah 61:1-2.

Jesus read in the Bible that someone would go and tell people about God, heal broken hearts, and give people new lives.

Jesus knew the Bible so well that He 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.

After Jesus shared these words, He sat down. This made everyone so curious. They wondered what He was going to say. Everyone stared at Jesus to see what He was going to say.

Jesus told them something amazing. He told them that that verse in Isaiah was coming true today. He was telling them that He was the one who would help them.

The people did not understand who Jesus was. Do you? Jesus is God's Son. He loves us and cares for us.

Sing the song to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell."

Jesus went to church  
Jesus went to church  
He told people who He was  
And helped heal their hurts.

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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 time 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 the 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!