

Date: January 6, 2019 (16)

Scripture Passage: [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

Lesson Theme: : 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.

Family Discussion Questions:

- 1) What was the good news that Jesus was going to preach?
- 2) Why is Jesus’ good news for helpless sinners the best news of all?
- 3) If you are not excited about this good news, what keeps you from feeling happy that Jesus has come to save sinners?

Date: January 13, 2019 (17)

Scripture Passage: [Jesus said.] “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,” —John 8:31b Lesson
Theme: Jesus’ ministry also included being a wise and patient teacher. His desire was to make known to educated and uneducated sinners alike the depth of the riches of the mercy of God. Rather than speaking in lofty ways that only scholars could understand, He taught the crowds using the vernacular, speaking with words and illustrations that were part of their everyday life.

Family Discussion Questions:

- 1) What kinds of things have you learned about Jesus?
- 2) In this week’s Bible story, what was the Sower sowing? Did the seeds grow into big, healthy plants in all of the soils?
- 3) What does it mean to be a disciple (or friend) of Jesus?

Date: January 20, 2019 (18)

Scripture Passage: [Jesus said.] “I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.” —Luke 5:32
Lesson Theme: Jesus began His special mission by choosing for Himself a group of men to befriend and love. These men were not chosen because Jesus needed the help of their gifts and abilities in His ministry (Acts 17:25). None were of worldly importance. None were known for their great intelligence or eloquent speech. The 12 all had one common characteristic: they were all helpless sinners. They were not chosen as “helpers for Jesus,” but as receivers of the greatest news of all: Jesus would display the greatness and worth of God by calling and saving sinners.

Family Discussion Questions:

- 1) Do you ever feel like you don’t have any friends? Have you ever felt left out?
- 2) Do you ever think that you do not need Jesus to save you from your sin?
- 3) How did Simon Peter show that he was a repentant sinner? What did he do to show that he knew he was a sinner?

Date: January 27, 2019 (19)

Scripture Passage: [Jesus said.] "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."—John 10:10b

Lesson Theme; Jesus displayed the awesome power of God in miracles of all kinds—healing the sick, the lame, the deaf, and the blind. But the greatest miracle of all was the one that proclaimed forgiveness to sinners and healed their sinful hearts. The Miracle Worker had come to display the glory of God by forgiving sins and healing sinful hearts so that His people could have life and live life to the full..

Family Discussion Questions:

- 1) Does Jesus understand when people have problems that hurt?
- 2) What was that man's biggest problem? What did Jesus do for him?
- 3) Who is the only one who can help you with your biggest problem?

