

Journal Page

Think about how you feel when someone rejects you. Write a short prayer, thanking God for always accepting us through His Son, Jesus.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why do you think the people of Nazareth wanted to see miracles?
- Why do you think they rejected Jesus?



Jesus Rejected in Nazareth

Luke 4:14-30

MAIN POINT: JESUS EXPLAINED THAT THE SCRIPTURES TELL ABOUT HIM.

Jesus went to His hometown, Nazareth. On the Sabbath day, Jesus went to the synagogue like He usually did.

Jesus stood up to read Scripture. He unrolled the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and read: “The Spirit of the Lord is on Me. He has chosen Me to tell good news to the poor. He has sent Me to tell the captives that they are free, to tell the blind that they can see, to free people who have been treated badly, and to announce that the Lord’s favor is on us.” Then Jesus rolled up the scroll. He gave it back to the attendant and sat down.

Jesus said, “Today as you listened to Me reading these words, they came true.”

The people said good things about Jesus, and they were amazed at Him. But some of the people in Nazareth had known Jesus from His youth. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

Jesus said, “No prophet is accepted in his hometown.” Jesus reminded the people of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. When there was a terrible famine in Israel, God sent Elijah to help a widow in another land.

And when Elisha was a prophet, many people in Israel had leprosy. But Elisha did not heal them. Instead, he healed a man named Naaman from Syria.

The people listening to Jesus in the synagogue became angry. They forced Jesus out of town.

Christ Connection: Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote about God’s plan to send a Messiah. He would bring good news and redeem people who were broken and hurting. Jesus read Isaiah’s words and told everyone who was listening that He is the promised Messiah.

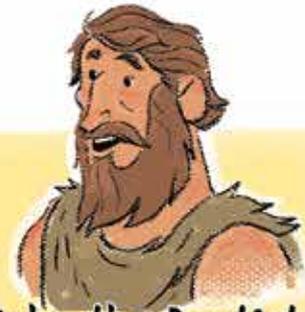
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Says Who?

Match each quotation to the person who said it. Look up the Scripture references in the Bible to check your answers.

“How can anyone be born when he is old?”
(John 3:4)

“The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor.”
(Luke 4:18)



John the Baptist



Samaritan Woman

“Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could this be the Messiah?”
(John 4:29)

“He must increase, but I must decrease.”
(John 3:30)



Nicodemus



Jesus

Face Time Draw a face that shows each emotion. Then listen to the Bible story to hear how people felt when Jesus spoke.



HAPPY



ANGRY



CONFUSED



AMAZED