

MAY 17, 2020
JESUS TAUGHT IN NAZARETH

GAME TIME

GUESS THE SHADOW

Hang or ask another adult to hold up a large white piece of paper or sheet in front of a bright light. Invite children to sit on the other side of the paper. Hold an object in front of the light, slowly moving the object closer to the screen to make the shadow more distinct. Encourage children to guess the object making the shadow. Reveal the object and play again. Allow children to create the shadows, if desired.

SAY: *When Isaiah heard God's plan to send a Messiah, it was kind of like seeing a shadow from far away. Isaiah didn't know exactly what Jesus would be like, but he still understood a lot about Him. Jesus taught that He is the Messiah whom Isaiah had written about long before. Finally people could see clearly the one God had promised to send!*

BIBLE STORY

Luke 4

Jesus went to the town of Nazareth where He lived when He was a young boy. Now Jesus was grown up. He traveled all around and taught people about God.

On the Sabbath day, Jesus went to the synagogue. The synagogue was a building where Jews met together to pray, worship God, and learn about the Scriptures. One of the ways people worshiped God was by listening to God's Word.

Jesus stood up to read God's Word. He opened a scroll. The scroll had words on it from the prophet Isaiah long ago. Jesus read: "God's Spirit 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 help the blind people see, to free people who have been treated badly, and to announce that God's favor is on us."

Then Jesus rolled up the scroll. He gave it to a man who worked in the synagogue, and then He sat down. The people in the synagogue stared at Jesus, waiting for Him to say something. Jesus said, "These words came true today."

Yes, Isaiah's words came true because Isaiah's words were about Jesus! God was with Jesus, and God had chosen Jesus to tell people good news. Many of the people in the synagogue were happy. Jesus was saying wonderful things!

Jesus knew the people in Nazareth would not accept Him. "No prophet is accepted in his hometown," He said. Jesus told the people about times when God used prophets to help people who were not Jews. When Jesus was done talking, the people were angry. They made Jesus leave Nazareth. They wanted to hurt Jesus, but Jesus walked away.

REJECTED ART

Gather a set of crayons. Encourage your kids to remove 10 colors they like LEAST. Then challenge them to use only those colors to make a piece of art. Talk about how Jesus was rejected but still did the important work God had for him.

SAY: *Jesus was not welcome in His hometown of Nazareth, but He welcomes us into God's family. Jesus will never turn away anyone who comes to Him. (John 6:37) Jesus gives eternal life to those who trust in Him, and believers will live with Him forever in heaven. We can welcome others into our homes, church, and classrooms, instead of rejecting them. We can share with them the gospel—the good news about Jesus.*



CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus cares about people. Jesus' miracles helped people and showed that He is the Son of God. Through Jesus, God does for us what we cannot do for ourselves. He provides forgiveness and life with God forever.