





Open your Bible to Luke 4. Use the Bible storytelling tips found in the leader guide to help you tell the story. Use the bold version of the Bible story for younger preschoolers.

JESUS REJECTED IN NAZARETH

Jesus traveled to the town of Nazareth. On the Sabbath day, **Jesus went to the synagogue, a special building where Jews met together to pray, worship, and learn about the Scriptures.**

That day, Jesus stood up to read God's Word. He opened a scroll. Jesus read the words: "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 and gave it to a man in the synagogue. Then He **sat down.** Jesus said, "These words came true today." **God had chosen Jesus to tell people good news!**

Many of the people in the synagogue were happy. Jesus was saying wonderful things! But they also said, "Isn't this Joseph's son?"

Those people had known Jesus when He was a young boy. They did not think there was anything special about Him. But Jesus is very special! **Jesus' parents on earth were Joseph and Mary, but Jesus is also the Son of God!**

Jesus knew the people in Nazareth would not accept Him. And sure enough, **when Jesus was done talking, the people listening to Him were angry.** They made Jesus leave Nazareth. **They wanted to hurt Jesus, but Jesus walked away.**