

WEEK 4

LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

I believe God's words are true.

BIBLE

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth:
Luke 4:14–30

ABOUT THIS WEEK

A compass is an important tool when you camp because it always points north, which means you can find your way whenever you go camping. This week, we'll hear about how Jesus was rejected as God's son in his hometown. Jesus shows us how God's words always point to the truth, so whenever we have questions, we can say, "I believe God's words are true."

WELCOME TIME

ACTIVITY | To Follow Or Not?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, gather the kids in a circle or a designated play area. Choose a leader to stand in the center of the circle. The leader will make facial expressions, movements, actions, silly noises, or say something. Kids will mirror the leader exactly. Then, play a second round where they kids have to try not to follow the leader.
- When we follow someone, we pay attention to them, do what they do, and say what they say. Jesus had a lot of followers who wanted to learn from him.
- But some people did not want to follow Jesus at all. Today's Bible story is about a time when some people got mad at Jesus for saying who he really was.

STORY TIME

SCRIPTURE | Luke 4:14–30 (Jesus Rejected at Nazareth)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Teach this Scripture passage by reading from a preschool-friendly Bible translation, Bible storybook, or using the talking points provided below! Set up a campfire circle. The storyteller should dress like they've been camping.
- Hey, campers! I can't believe it, but it's our last campfire story time. Gather around to hear another amazing story about Jesus.
- Once upon a time, in a little village, there was a special place called a "synagogue." A synagogue is sort of like our church. People came to the synagogue to learn about God.
- **Show me what you look like when you are paying close attention!**

- One day, the synagogue had a special teacher—Jesus! The people were very excited to see him because they had heard wonderful things about him. Jesus was kind and loving, and his words were filled with truth.
- Jesus stood in front of everyone, and they all gathered around to listen. He opened a scroll that contained Scripture—God's words!
- **Let's pretend to unroll a scroll together.** *Place your fists together, fingers of one hand on top of the other, and slowly pull your fists apart.*
- The Scripture that Jesus read talked about how God cares about people who are hurting and sad. God would send someone to help them and to show them God's love.
- **Who do you think that is?** Jesus!
- Most of the people were happy to hear Jesus and believed his words.
- **Show me your happiest happy face!**
- But there were a few people who didn't understand. They thought Jesus was just an ordinary person, just like them. How could God send him? They didn't believe his words and became angry.
- **Ooh, now show me an angry face!**
- Jesus wanted everyone to know that God sent him to love everyone and help everyone know God. But the people who did not believe this message chased Jesus out of town.
- They missed out on getting to learn from God's own son, Jesus. By not listening to Jesus, they couldn't hear more of God's true words.

BIG IDEA | I believe God's words are true.

- Let's put these words in order and form today's Big Idea.
 - I (*point to self*)
 - believe (*fist pump the air*)
 - God's words (*open your hands like you're opening a book*)
 - are true (*thumbs up or [ASL for "true"](#)*)

VIDEO | *Camp Believe It, Episode 4*

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's episode of [Cali's World TeachingVideo4_CampBelieveIt_Preschool_GrowKids on Vimeo](#)*

ACTIVITY | Happy Or Angry

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Prepare twenty plates by drawing a happy face on one side and an angry face on the other side. It might be helpful to select plates with different colors on each side to make this activity easier. Start all the plates out on the angry side. Have two kids flip over all the plates to the happy side. As they do this, have a leader flip the happy faces back over. Keep going until time's up. See how many faces remained happy. Repeat with a new pair of kids until everyone has had a chance to play.*
- Jesus being sent by God to earth was the best news. Jesus would connect people to God and help them be forgiven of their sins. But even this really good and true news was not believed by all.
- Many people were happy to learn from Jesus, but some were angry! They were angry because they didn't believe what you and I believed.
- **What do we believe? I believe God's words are true.**

PRAYER

- Dear God, what you say is always true. Help me to always believe in you. Amen.

SHARING TIME

ACTIVITY | Good News Scrolls

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print out copies of the [printable](#) and distribute one to each kid. Have them draw pictures of things they learned about Jesus or write the Big Idea (or a simple phrase like "I love Jesus!"). Afterward, help them roll up the printable and secure it closed with a pipe cleaner or [elastic band](#) acting as a ribbon.*

- Jesus used God's words in the synagogue. We can always listen to and share God's words.
- Let's create our own special scrolls just like we heard about in the Bible story to help us remember: **I believe God's words are true!**

MEMORY VERSE | John 6:69 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Help kids learn this month's memory verse by setting the words (including the Scripture reference) to the tune of "Rain, Rain, Go Away." You can also have kids repeat the verse after you in small chunks, say them using silly voices, or create simple hand motions for keywords.*
- **"We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."**

PLAY TIME

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print and distribute [the coloring page](#) along with crayons or markers. You can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse as the kids color.*