

Luke 4:14-30
JESUS BRINGS GOOD NEWS



Key Verse:

Then [Jesus] began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4:21

The Point:

Jesus brings good news for those in need.

Making Connections:

Revelation of the Son of Man

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Kingdom of God

Spiritual Practice:

Worship



BACKGROUND

Making Connections

In the last few weeks, we have seen Jesus recognized as the Messiah by Simeon, Anna, and John the Baptist. Jesus grew from an eight-day-old baby presented at the temple to a twelve-year-old boy sitting with the teachers and then to a man baptized in the Jordan River, proclaimed through the Holy Spirit as the beloved Son of God. In today's lesson, we see Jesus begin his ministry in the town where he grew up. As he reveals himself and his mission in his hometown, we see that this will not be an easy path for him.

Story Summary:

Jesus Brings Good News

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The Point

Jesus brings good news for those in need.

Jesus begins his ministry telling people that his work will focus on those who have been ignored and treated badly. Not everyone likes this. Some people want special treatment. It is important for

us to remember how significant it was that Jesus began his ministry with the declaration that it is for those who are poor, blind, and captive. These are people traditionally rejected by his society—and ours. In saying that they are deserving of God's love and salvation, Jesus turns the world upside down. In today's world, as we continue Jesus' ministry, we always need to remember that God's love is for everyone, especially those at the margins of society.

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

The Kingdom of God

The kingdom of God is not so much a place but the reality of a life that is lived in God's will—God's reign. We can glimpse the kingdom of God when people are healed, forgiven, welcomed, and provided with everything they need to thrive. God's kingdom is already here and yet still to come. We will examine how we can see the kingdom of God in this Scripture and in the world today, and what we are praying for when we say in the Lord's Prayer, "Your kingdom come."

Spiritual Practice: Worship

Today's Scripture makes it clear that Jesus considered it important to be in community, in the synagogue, on the Sabbath. Scripture was read there and lessons were taught. Why do we worship together? How does it help us in community? How does the practice of worshipping together help us grow closer to God?



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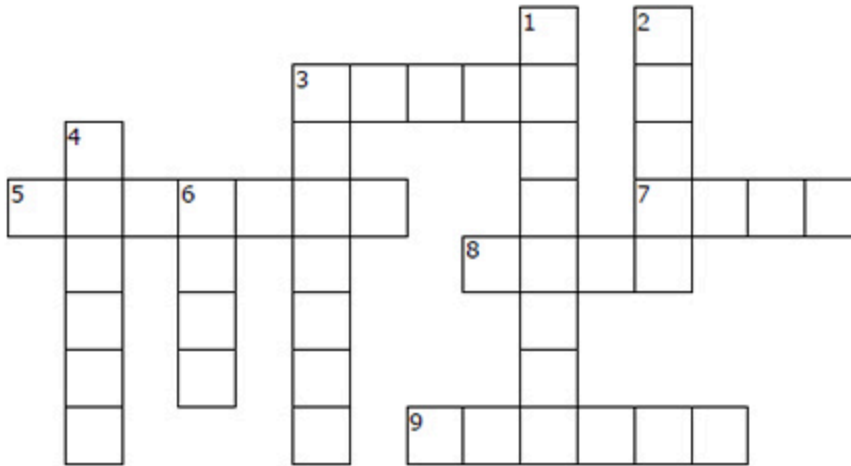
"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor."
 Luke 4:18a (NIV)

Based on Luke 4:14-21



"Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4:21



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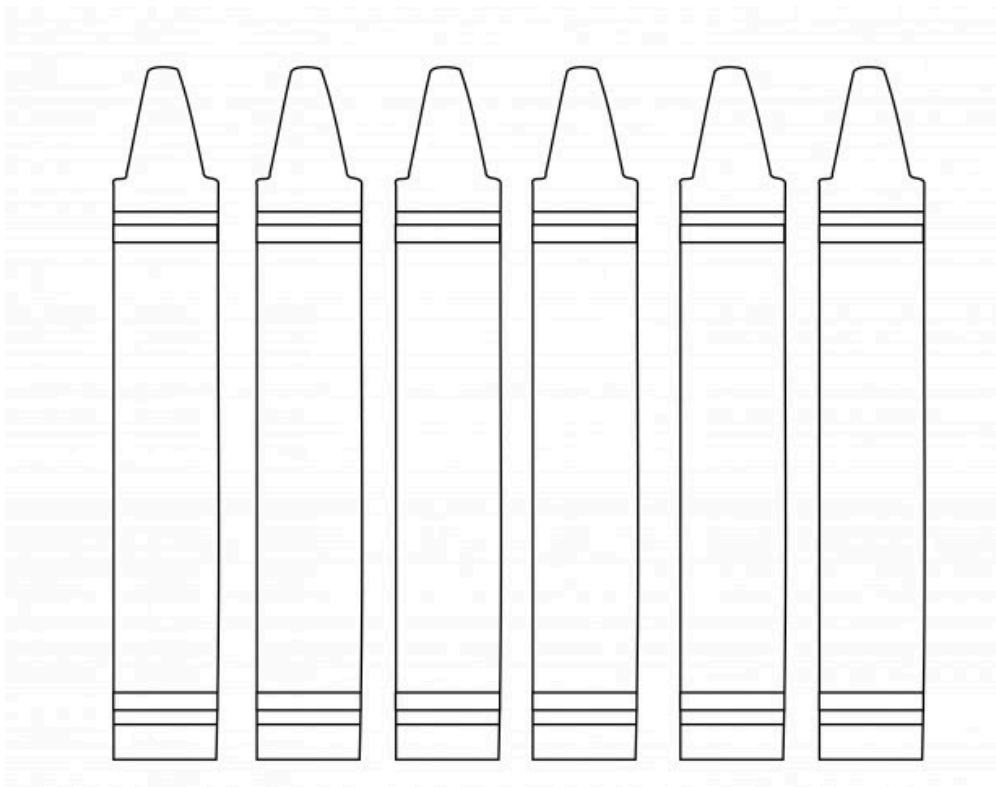
- 3. Something you do to help someone
- 5. A person who speaks for God
- 7. Information about recent events or happenings; previously unknown information
- 8. The opposite of bad
- 9. A long roll of paper with writing on it

DOWN

- 1. A person who is kept in jail
- 2. Unable to see
- 3. To be allowed to do whatever you want to do
- 4. To deliver a sermon
- 6. Having little or no wealth and few or no possessions

PRISONER	FAVOR	GOOD	PROPHET	POOR
BLIND	FREEDOM	NEWS	PREACH	SCROLL





“I don’t like Red!” said Yellow,
And Green said, “Nor do I!
And no one here likes Orange,
But no one knows just why.”

- The Crayon Box that Talked by Shane DeRolf

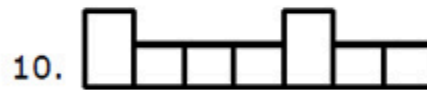
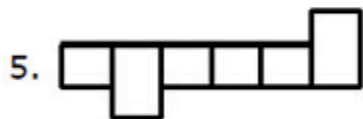
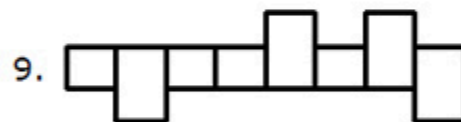
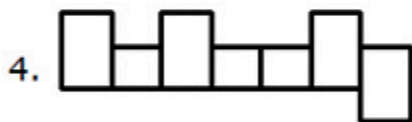
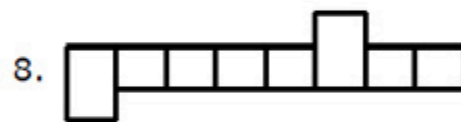
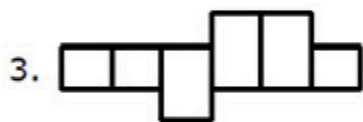
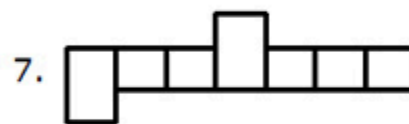
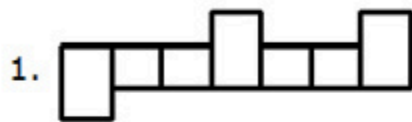
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Do you feel like something is missing? :(

"Free at Last" ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



justice	freedom	rights	preacher	equality
dream	leader	liberty	protest	speech



"Free at Last" ~ Martin Luther King Jr.

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:34-36 (NIV)



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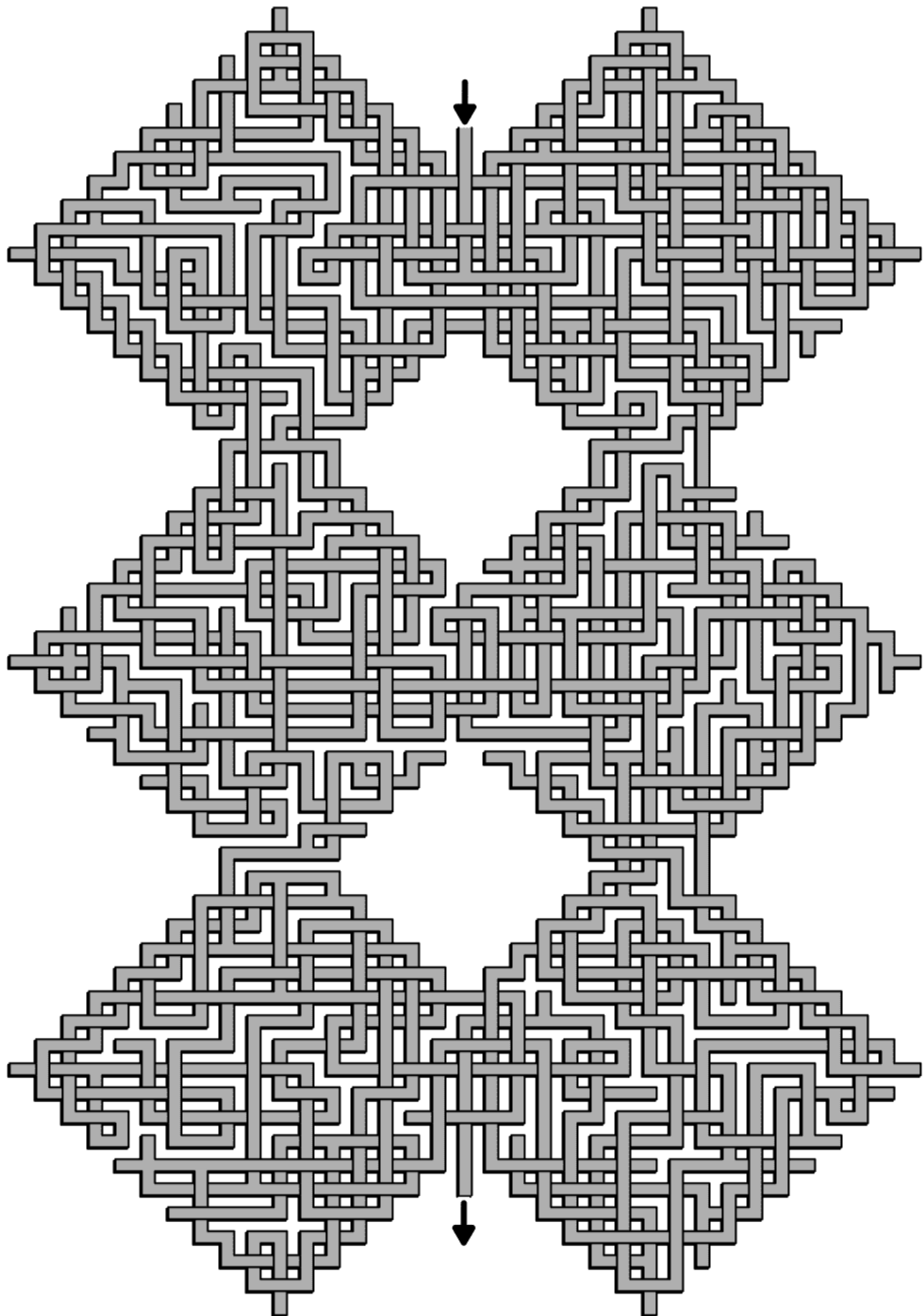
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THE STORY @ HOME

**KIDS
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Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 3 (2024-2025)

Luke 4:14-30

LAST WEEK

Jesus encounters his cousin, John the Baptist, and Jesus' public ministry begins (Luke 3:1-22).

THIS WEEK

Even though he is rejected in Nazareth, Jesus brings good news for those in need (Luke 4:14-30).

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NEXT WEEK

Jesus teaches a crowd from Simon's boat and then gives Simon and his partners a miraculous catch of fish. Jesus calls Simon, James, and John to follow him and catch people rather than fish (Luke 5:1-11).

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✝ Where do you see the message that "It is GOOD" in this Scripture?
- ✝ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✝ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read Luke 4:14-30

Jesus begins his ministry in his hometown of Nazareth, declaring that his work will be with those who are poor, blind, and oppressed. Write a list of different ways that your family can serve to those on the margins of society.

Monday—Read Isaiah 58:6-12

This passage describes more specifically at how we can be a light to those who are oppressed and hungry. Look at your list from Sunday, and pick one of these to complete together as a family in the near future.

Tuesday—Read 1 Kings 17:8-14

God provides sustenance for the widow of Zarephath in the midst of a drought. Make bread or biscuits together as a family, considering the resources that are necessary to get all the ingredients in your home.

Wednesday—Read 2 Kings 5:1-17

Naaman is healed from leprosy by Elisha and proclaims the power of God. Make cards for people in your family, community, or congregation who are currently sick or in the hospital.

Thursday—Read Luke 4:31-37

In Capernaum, Jesus casts an unclean spirit out of a man and everyone is amazed. Have each member of your family share one thing that has amazed them this past week.

Friday—Read Luke 4:38-41

Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law, in addition to a number of other sick people. In your evening prayers, say a prayer for all those in the world who need healing.

Saturday—Read Luke 4:42-44

Crowds try to keep Jesus with them, but he reminds them that he must continue to share the good news with other people and in other places. How can we take the good news to other places?