

Lesson 10: Jesus Is Rejected in His Hometown Luke 4:22-30

Youtube Link: https://youtu.be/_hBaJI-uY-c

Worship Theme: Jesus is for everyone.

Memory Verse: “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” (John 3:17)

Songs (Youtube links):

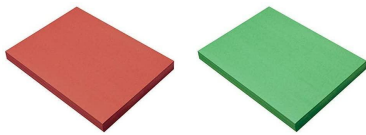
1. Jesus Is the Lord <https://youtu.be/l-PzUIJ0MVo>
2. Our God Is So Good <https://youtu.be/JUMy8rZvqjY>
3. Who Is My Master? <https://youtu.be/e4gCJBfWNTs>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above

Icebreaker: Green Card / Red Card

Materials Needed: Green paper and red paper



1. As the children come in, give half the group green paper and the other half red paper.
2. Tell the children that today, you have a very special story to tell them. But, only the people with green card can hear the story.
3. Ask only the children with green card to gather around you, and the children with red card to go far away.
4. Once the children are separated, ask the green group how they feel to be chosen to hear the story. (I was happy to be in green group; I felt bad for the red group)
5. Ask the red group how they feel to be left out. (I felt sad; I wanted to be in green group; I didn't understand why I was not chosen)
6. Explain to the children that this world likes to divide people and leave some people out of the group. But Jesus does not do that. He does not divide people based on color, nice clothes, pretty/handsome face, smart or dumb.
7. Whether you have green paper or red paper, Jesus loves all of you!

Introduction:

Was there ever a time when you felt left out and all alone? How does it feel to be left out and all alone? At one time or another, every single one of us has felt left out. Feeling left out is no fun. It can make us feel fearful, teary, sad, lonely, and discouraged. Today we're going to talk about the fact that **Jesus is for everyone**. Jesus doesn't leave anyone out—he came for all people. No matter what you look like or how you act, Jesus loves you and wants you to be part of his family.

Bible Story:

Sometimes people are treated badly because of their age or the color of their skin or the country they come from. Sometimes people have a hard time liking those who are different from them. Jesus wants us to be as loving and accepting of everyone even if they're different. Jesus loves everyone, and Jesus wants all people to believe in him and follow him. Jesus is for everyone.

The Old Testament tells us that the Israel people (they are called Jews) had been waiting for the Messiah for hundreds of years. When Jesus finally came to live on earth, many Jewish people thought that the Messiah was only for Israel. Jesus told them that

the Messiah was for all people in every country. Jesus is the Messiah for Cambodia, too! Many people in Israel just didn't understand that.

One day Jesus went to the synagogue (like a church) to worship God in his hometown, Nazareth. He told the people that God had sent him to help make sick people feel better and to help sad people not be sad anymore. Then Jesus told them that he wasn't only going to help the Jews. Jesus said that he was for all people in the world.

This made the Jewish people very angry. They thought that Jesus should only help Israel. They didn't want to share Jesus with the rest of the world. The Jews in the synagogue were so furious that they got up from where they were worshiping and drove Jesus out of town. They intended to kill Jesus by throwing him off the cliff. But Jesus walked right through the crowd and went on his way. Even though the Jews were angry at him, Jesus knew that he was for everyone in this whole world! And that is good news for all of us!

Questions to discuss:

1. Who did the Jews think Jesus came to save? (Only the Jews)
2. Who did Jesus say he came to save? (Everyone - the whole world)
3. What would the world be like if Jesus came for only one group of people? (there would be a lot of non-Christians, no one else would be able to hear about Jesus)
4. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus came to save everyone including people in Cambodia?

Game: Jesus is for everyone!

1. Divide students into small groups of 4-5 people.
2. In each group, ask the students to come up with a way to persuade people that Jesus is for everyone. Their presentation has to persuade people that Jesus is for everyone!
3. Give each group 5-10 minutes to prepare.
4. When they are done, ask each group to present their ideas.

Memory Verse:

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Craft: Jesus Loves Everyone - Coloring page

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Put yourselves in the shoes of the Jewish people in Nazareth as you re-read Luke 4:22-30. Examine your life and think of times when you may feel people do not deserve God's grace. Why do we at times believe only a certain type of person can receive God's grace? Everyone can receive God's grace. Pray for the children so that they may experience God through today's lesson.

