

Lesson 9: Jesus Teaches in a Synagogue Luke 4:14-21

Youtube Link: https://youtu.be/Do_eMR9Ug7s

Worship Theme: Jesus helps hurting people.

Memory Verse: “Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.” (James 5:13)

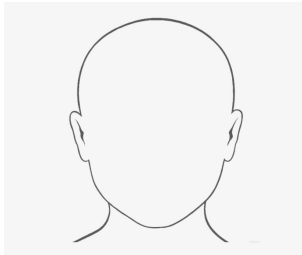
Songs (Youtube links):

1. Praise Jesus' Name <https://youtu.be/uA448Ncse8Q>
2. Hosanna in the Highest <https://youtu.be/QWQ47zCVaCw>
3. When the Spirit of the Lord <https://youtu.be/RODHIMCRzw4>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above

Icebreaker: Draw a Sad Face



Materials Needed: Print the blank face (see below)

1. As children walk in, give them the paper and ask them to draw how they look when they are sad.
2. Please ask the children to draw only on the front and leave the back side blank. (We will use the back side for craft later)

Introduction:

Have you ever cried? What made you cry? (Let the children answer.) There are many times when we feel sad or unhappy. When we feel this way, we may think that we are all alone. Today, we will learn about Jesus who knows when we are crying because of sadness or unhappiness and how Jesus can help us when we are hurting.

Bible Story:

Jesus traveled around the countryside teaching people and healing people. Jesus was famous. One day Jesus went to the synagogue in his hometown, a tiny little town called Nazareth. A synagogue is like a church where Jewish people go to worship God. The people were excited because they'd known Jesus since he was a little boy, and they'd been hearing about all the miraculous things he had done. Jesus stood up in the synagogue and opened the scroll to the book of Isaiah. He read these words. (Print and show the verses from below.)

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor” (Isaiah 61:1-3)

After Jesus finished reading this, people were waiting to see what he had to say. Luke 4:21 tells us that he said to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

When the people heard this, they were amazed. Jesus was saying that he was the promised one that Isaiah had written about 700 years earlier. He was the Savior, the Messiah, the one who would heal the blind and set the prisoners free. He was the one who would help those who are crying because they are sad and unhappy.

The Bible tells us that when Jesus lived on earth, he cried with his friends when they were sad. When people cry with us, we feel comforted, and a little of our sadness goes away. Jesus understands when we're sad. Jesus helps hurting people, and he offers us comfort and peace.

Questions to discuss:

1. What is a church where Jews go to worship God called? (Synagogue)
2. What is the name of the book that Jesus read from in the synagogue? (The book of Isaiah)
3. Why were the people amazed? (Jesus said he was the Messiah described in the book of Isaiah)
4. What can you do when you want to cry? (Ask Jesus for comfort; have someone hug you and comfort you; ask your mother to be with you)

Game: Obstacle Course

Materials Needed: Chairs, tables, Chroma (Khmer scarf), water jug, rocks



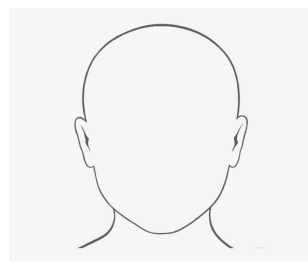
1. Divide the children into 2 groups.
2. Each group will select one child and blindfold them with chroma.
3. Make an obstacle course using the materials prepared.
4. Ask the blindfolded child to walk across the classroom without stepping on the obstacles; the group members will give them directions (correct, detour, left, right, etc.)

Explain to the children that helping each other to cross the classroom without stepping on the obstacles led us to reach our goal.

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Craft: Draw a Happy Face



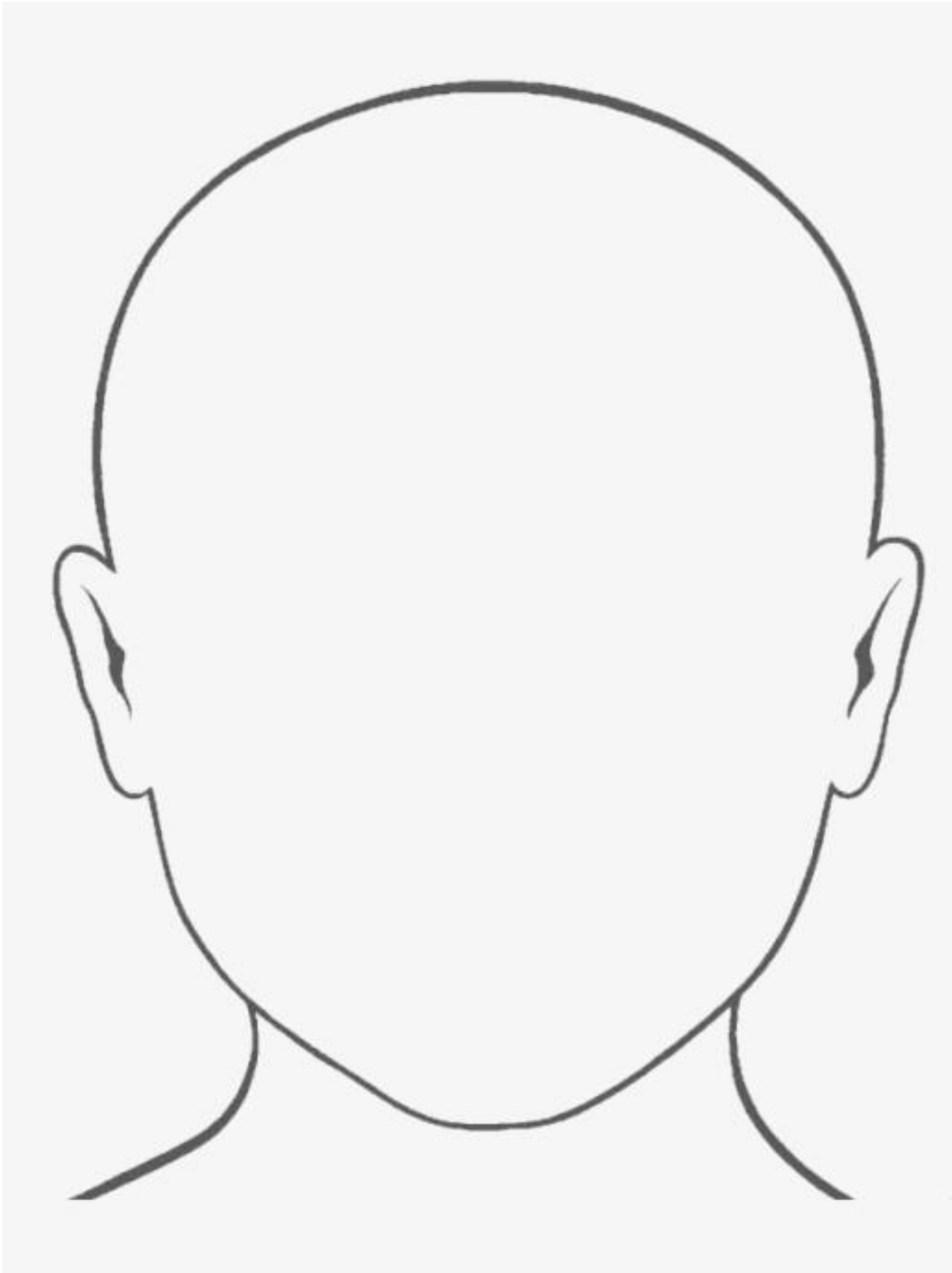
1. Tell the students to take out the sad face they drew at the start.
2. Explain to them that they have learned today that when we are sad or hurting, Jesus will comfort us.
3. Tell the children to turn the page to the back (the blank side) and draw how they would look when Jesus comforts them.

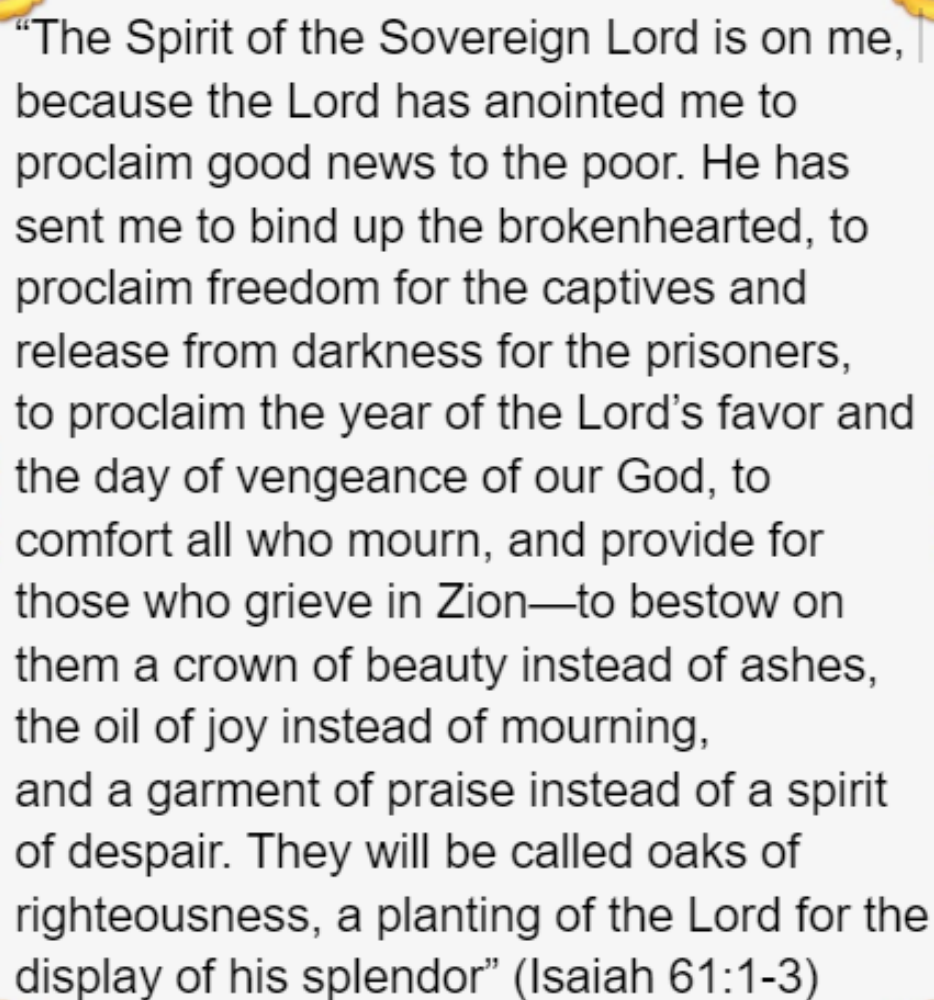
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Pray

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

Read Luke 4:18-21. Jesus was reading from Isaiah, and he said that he is the Messiah whom Isaiah was talking about. What reactions do you think the people sitting at the synagogue would have had when they heard this? Many were not happy to hear Jesus say that he is the Messiah. Say a prayer to thank God that you believe in Jesus as the Messiah. Pray for the children whom you will be teaching so that they may also believe in Jesus as their Messiah.





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