



Announcement of the Kingdom

January 16

Luke 4:14-22

Object Lessons and Storytelling Ideas

- In Luke, this is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. The quote from Isaiah 61 can be seen as the trailer of a movie - talk about how it gives us a taste of what is to come.
- Messiah means "anointed one" - what does it mean to be anointed? What was Jesus anointed to do? Connect to other anointings in Scripture, such as David's anointing as king and subsequent wait to be recognized as the king.
- Walk through the story in the style of a hockey play-by-play. Jesus had just come from being tempted by the devil - walk through his next steps to the goal of revealing that he is the fulfillment of the Scriptures.
- Guess the object - seen and unseen. Jesus came to proclaim sight!

Discussion Ideas and Questions

- Jesus was going to his home congregation - that must have been surprising for the people to hear someone they know say such a big thing! Would you be surprised if this happened in your church?
- What if your friend that you had known your whole life one day suddenly told you that they were actually a really important person that everybody had been waiting for? How would you feel? Would you believe them? Why or why not?
- What is a modern day equivalent to an anointing? Are we anointed? What are we anointed to do?
- How did / does Jesus release the captives? Give sight to the blind? Proclaim the good news?
- We follow Jesus. How are we preaching the gospel to the poor and proclaiming release to the captives?

At Home Connections

- Discuss as a family: How are we preaching the gospel to the poor and proclaiming release to the captives?
- Parents: Share stories with your kids of surprising things you have seen and heard in church or in the Bible.