



Unit 3, Lesson 11

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: REJECTED BY HIS HOMETOWN

LUKE 4:14-30

THE STORY HOME

Ouch! Jesus is rejected by His hometown. Most famous people get a public welcome or parade when they return. Not Jesus. He's beginning a God-approved ministry throughout Galilee, gaining popularity, approval, and respect, but local leaders and citizens see just another common man. Jesus reads sacred scripture in His own synagogue and tells them He is the fulfillment of that scripture. They're furious after He continues to tell them how a prophet is not accepted at home using the examples of Elijah and Elisha. More than furious, they throw Him out of town, and plan to push Him off a cliff! Did they forget He spent most of His life there and worked as one of their carpenters? Jesus wiggles through the throng and goes on to continue His ministry elsewhere. Even today, the world seems to see Jesus with wonder and rejection.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- How do you feel when friends and people you know argue with and reject you?
- Jesus knew He was right; He had a ministry and a mission. Why do you think people got angry?
- If Jesus cared too much about people's approval and being popular, then He might've stayed and tried to persuade people to like and praise Him again. Would that be a good way to act when people disapprove of something God wants you to do? Why or why not?

TOGETHER HOME

Think of someone that most people consider a loser, a jerk, or controversial. Is there a way your family can include this person in a meal or a family activity? Talk about crowd dynamics and how a group of people can influence an individual's attitude or behavior. Sometimes a person has a loving, respectful attitude toward another but "goes along with the crowd." Maybe the person your family reaches out to needs to know he or she is a child of God and accepted.

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

Review the verse, "And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased'" (Matthew 3:17). Print it on a notecard and tape it on your child's bedroom mirror if your child can read. Seeing the same verse every day can help commit it to memory.

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