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STUDENT DEVOTIONAL UNIT 21

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UNIT 21: EARLY RESPONSES TO JESUS

Session 1: People Rejected Jesus Luke 4



Sunday, May 14

How can we
be saved?

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Memory Verse: Hebrews 11:6

"Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one that draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

Session 1 Monday



Before you read...

- ▶ This week we will continue to read about the teachings of Jesus, but instead of focusing on what Jesus taught as we did in the past few weeks, we will focus on how the people responded. Some people responded by instantly believing and following Jesus while others immediately rejected Him.
- ▶ Even today, some people instantly believe and some people immediately reject Jesus. Regardless of how people respond to the gospel, believers can find encouragement in knowing Jesus remains faithful to His purpose and plan.
- ▶ In today's passage, Jesus reads from the book of Isaiah. You can find the words He reads in Isaiah 61:1-2.



Read Luke 4:14-19

- ▶ How did the people respond to Jesus in Galilee? (verse 15)

- ▶ Why is the town of Nazareth special? (verse 16)

- ▶ Who do you think verses 18 and 19 (the ones from Isaiah) are talking about?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Jesus is in Nazareth, the town where He was raised, teaching in the synagogue. Jesus read from the book of Isaiah.
- ▶ Today, we are going to read a few of the same verses from yesterday plus a few more. Let's think about what the words mean.



Read Luke 4:18-21

- ▶ In verses 18 and 19, what did the Spirit of the Lord anoint him to do?

- ▶ In verse 21, what did Jesus say about the scripture He just read?

- ▶ When Jesus read the words from Isaiah (that were written hundreds of years before this time), He was also announcing that He was here to fulfill those words... to bring healing and freedom. How do you think the people responded?

Session 1 Wednesday



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we have read about Jesus teaching in the synagogue at Nazareth. Jesus read from the book of Isaiah and announced that He was there to fulfill the prophecy and bring healing and freedom. Remember, Jesus was raised in Nazareth. He was the son of Mary and Joseph, while at the same time being God's Son.
- ▶ Today, we will read just one verse, but this one verse says a lot about the reaction the people of Nazareth had to Jesus' teaching.



Read Luke 4:22

- ▶ How did the people react to Jesus' words at the beginning of this verse?

- ▶ What question did they ask at the end of this verse?

- ▶ If we put this verse into words we use today, it might say something like this: "Wow! He is an excellent speaker! This is great news! But wait, isn't he just Joseph the carpenter's son? How could he speak so well and bring such good news." The people were amazed and they also didn't believe Him all at the same time. Why do you think the people were so quick to not believe Jesus?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the people of Nazareth, Jesus' hometown, did not fully believe His teaching because He was just 'Joseph's son.'
- ▶ Today, we will read Jesus' response. He gives the people examples from the Old Testament when God's own people rejected Him, so God rescued non-Israelites instead. Jesus talks about two prophets, Elijah and Elisha. Do you remember them? We read about them at the very beginning of this school year.



Read Luke 4:23-27

- ▶ What truth does Jesus tell them in verse 24?

- ▶ Why do you think it was so hard for the people in Jesus' hometown to believe Him?

- ▶ Who are you more likely to believe... a stranger or someone you know?

Session 1 Friday



Before you read...

▶ Let's recap what we have read this week. Jesus went to his hometown, Nazareth, and read from the book of Isaiah in the synagogue. After He read, Jesus told the people that He was there to fulfill Isaiah's prophecy. At first, the people were amazed at His words, but then quickly did not believe Him 'because He was Joseph's son.' Jesus told the people that even when they don't believe, God continues to rescue people, even non-Israelites.

▶ The people were quite angry at Jesus' words. Today, we will read their response.



Read Luke 4:28-30

▶ What does verse 29 say the people wanted to do to Jesus?

▶ But what does verse 30 say actually happened?

▶ How do you think Jesus was able to escape this angry crowd?



Jesus Is Rejected in Nazareth

Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." Mark 6:4 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 6:1-6.

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Session 2: People Were Amazed by Jesus Luke 4



Sunday, May 21

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Memory Verse: Hebrews 11:6

“Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one that draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”



Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we read that people in Jesus' hometown of Nazareth rejected Him and His teaching because He was 'just Joseph's son.'
- ▶ This week, we will read what happened next as Jesus traveled to Capernaum. People responded very differently to Jesus just a little way down the road.



Read Luke 4:31-32

- ▶ What did Jesus do when he got to Capernaum?

- ▶ How did the people respond to His teaching?

- ▶ Do you remember how the people in Nazareth first responded to Jesus' teaching? Look back at Wednesday from last week if you need a hint.

Session 2 Tuesday



Before you read...

- ▶ Both last week and yesterday we read that people were at first amazed by Jesus' teachings. But last week, people quickly questioned Jesus. This week there is a different response.



Read Luke 4:33-37

- ▶ Describe what happened in verses 33-35.

- ▶ In verse 36, it says, again, that people were amazed. What did they say was amazing about Jesus' teaching?

- ▶ Imagine you were at the synagogue and you saw the evil spirit leave the man when Jesus commanded it to do so. What would you do next?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Jesus commanded an evil spirit to leave a man. The people were amazed at Jesus' authority and power. The people quickly spread the word about Jesus' teaching.
- ▶ Today, we will read that Jesus went to the home of Simon. We know him as Jesus' disciple, Peter.



Read Luke 4:38-39

- ▶ Who did Jesus heal at Simon's house?

- ▶ What did she do after Jesus healed her?



Verse 39 says Jesus rebuked the fever, or told it to leave. What is something you would like Jesus to rebuke and make go away?

Session 2 Thursday



Before you read...

- ▶ Today, we will continue to read what happened while Jesus was at Simon Peter's house.
- ▶ Verse 40 starts with an interesting phrase, "when the sun was setting." This is important because it was a Sabbath day. According to the Old Testament Law, the Jewish people could not work or travel on the Sabbath. The Sabbath ended at sundown and the people immediately came to Jesus.



Read Luke 4:40-41

- ▶ Why were many people coming to Jesus? What did they want from Him?

- ▶ Who did the demons say Jesus is?

- ▶ The demons were right about who Jesus is, but Jesus told them to be quiet. Why do you think Jesus did not want the demons to speak?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that people began coming to Jesus at sundown to be healed.
- ▶ Today, in verse 42, it says, "at daybreak." This means Jesus might have been healing people all through the night!
- ▶ Let's see what Jesus does after a night of healing people.



Read Luke 4:42-44

- ▶ Where did Jesus go at daybreak?

- ▶ Why do you think Jesus went there?

- ▶ The people found Jesus and wanted Him to stay in their town, but what did Jesus tell them He must do in verse 43?

Jesus Drives Out an Unclean Spirit

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." Mark 1:27



The puzzle is based on Mark 1:21-28 (NIV)

The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

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UNIT 21: EARLY RESPONSES TO JESUS

Session 3: Peter Worshiped Jesus Luke 5



Sunday, May 28

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Memory Verse: Hebrews 11:6

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Session 3 Monday



Before you read...

- ▶ A couple of weeks ago, we learned that Jesus was driven out of town after speaking the truth of who He is to the people of Nazareth.
- ▶ Last week, we saw people amazed at Jesus when He performed miracles.
- ▶ This week, we will read about two more miracles that Jesus performed and look at how people responded to Him.



Read Luke 5:1-3

- ▶ Where was Jesus in this passage?

- ▶ Whose boat did Jesus borrow?

- ▶ Why do you think Jesus wanted to teach the people from the boat instead of the shore?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Jesus borrowed a boat from Simon Peter and was teaching a crowd of people from the boat.



Read Luke 5:4-7

- ▶ What did Jesus ask Simon Peter to do?

- ▶ What happened when the fishermen let down their nets?

- ▶ How do you think Simon Peter and the fishermen will respond to this miracle?

Session 3 Wednesday



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Simon Peter and the fishermen had not caught anything all night as they fished. But when Jesus told them to let down their nets, they caught so many fish that the boats began to sink.



Read Luke 5:8-11

- ▶ How did Simon Peter feel when he saw Jesus' miracle with the fish?

- ▶ What did Jesus tell Simon Peter in verse 10?

- ▶ How do you think they will 'catch men'?



Before you read...

- ▶ Our lesson on Sunday only covered the miracle of the fish and Simon Peter's response. But, it was a short passage in the Bible, so we are going to read the next miracle to finish out the week.
- ▶ This passage talks about leprosy. Leprosy is a skin disease that left a person covered with sores and made them have to move away so that other people did not catch their disease.



Read Luke 5:12-13

- ▶ What did the man with leprosy do when he saw Jesus?

- ▶ How did Jesus respond to the man?

- ▶ This man was bold to ask Jesus for exactly what he needed and Jesus gave it to him. What do you need to ask Jesus for today?

Session 3 Friday



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that a man with leprosy boldly asked Jesus to heal him and Jesus did!
- ▶ How do you think the man responded to this healing?



Read Luke 5:14-16

- ▶ What did Jesus tell the man to do in verse 14?

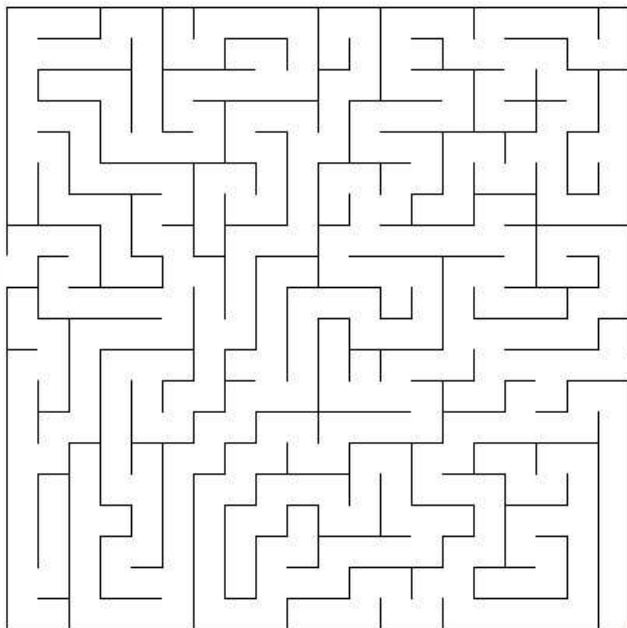
- ▶ Why do you think Jesus wanted the healing to be a secret?

- ▶ Verse 16 says that Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. It was important that He spend time with His Father. Where is your favorite place to pray?

Help Peter Find Andrew Fishing Maze



Help Peter find his way through the
fishing village to Andrew.



UNIT 21: EARLY RESPONSES TO JESUS

Session 4: We are Saved by Faith in Jesus Hebrews 11



Sunday, June 4

How can we
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Memory Verse: Hebrews 11:6

"Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one that draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."



Before you read...

- ▶ As Jesus began His ministry of miracles and teachings, not everyone responded in the same way. Some rejected Jesus. Others were amazed by Jesus and His miracles but didn't understand Him. Last week, we learned that Peter had a right response to Jesus and worshiped Him when he recognized that Jesus is God.
- ▶ Even before Jesus came into the world, people were still saved by faith in Him. The people in the Old Testament had to look forward by faith as they trusted in God and His plan to bring the promised Messiah. This week, we will read from Hebrews 11, where the writer reminds us of many people in the Old Testament who lived by faith in what God would do in the future.



Read Hebrews 11:1-4

- ▶ Hebrews 11:1 gives a definition of faith. What does it say faith is?

- ▶ What is something you are sure of that you cannot see?

- ▶ What did Abel do by faith?

Session 4 Tuesday



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading from Hebrews 11, where the writer reminds us of many people in the Old Testament who lived by faith.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read about Abel. His story is in Genesis. Today, we will read about two more people from Genesis who should be pretty familiar.



Read Hebrews 11:7-12

- ▶ Who is mentioned in verse 7? What did he do by faith?

- ▶ Abraham is mentioned next. He actually did several things by faith. List two of them.

- ▶ How do you think Abraham felt when God told him to go live in a different place? How would you feel if your family moved far away?



Before you read...

- ▶ So far this week, we have read about three people from Genesis who had faith and obeyed God, even when things may not have made sense. Abel, Noah, and Abraham trusted that God would do what He said He would do.
- ▶ Today's passage tells more about why those men trusted God.



Read Hebrews 11:13-16

- ▶ Did these people receive the things God promised before they died?

- ▶ What does verse 16 say these people were longing for?

- ▶ These people of faith were hoping for a Rescuer and God did send Jesus, but after they had already died. We know that Jesus came, died, and rose again to rescue us. And, like the people of the Old Testament, we have faith that Jesus will come again because He said He would.

Session 4 Thursday



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we have read about people in the Old Testament who had great faith. We have learned that they had great faith even though they did not fully receive the things God promised. They were longing for something better, much like we are longing for Jesus to come back again.
- ▶ Today we will read a list of a few more great people of faith. It is kind of like a recap of the Old Testament.



Read Hebrews 11:20-25

- ▶ Make a list of the names of the people who lived by faith in these verses.

- ▶ Pick one of those people you listed. Write down one fact you remember about that person. (If you need help, look at the end of Genesis and the beginning of Exodus.)

- ▶ Challenge question: Can you name another person from the Old Testament, who is not listed in Hebrews 11, that was faithful to God?



Before you read...

▶ This week, we have read about many 'heroes of faith' (as they are sometimes called). We skipped over some verses of Hebrews 11, so if you want to know everyone who is mentioned, read the whole chapter!

▶ Today, we are going to read just the last two verses. These two verses tell us a lot in just a few short words.



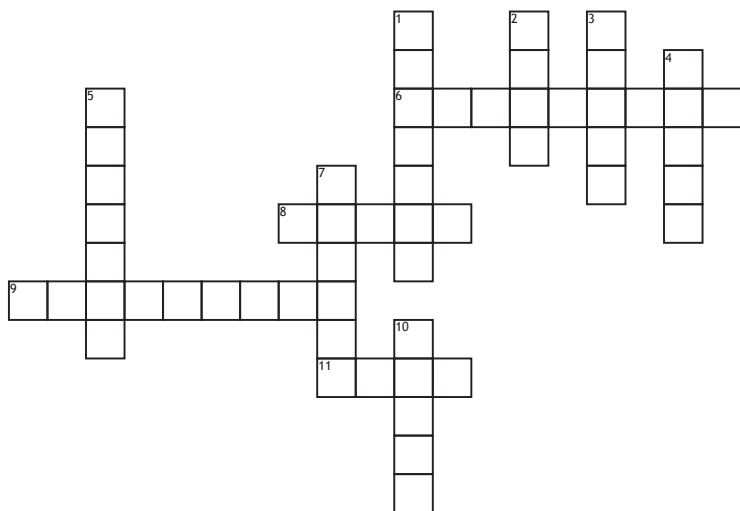
Read Hebrews 11:39-40

▶ Verse 39 says all of the people mentioned in Hebrews 11 were commended or praised for their faith, but did any of them receive what had been promised? Were any of them alive to see Jesus on earth?

▶ What does the first part of verse 40 say God did?

▶ Who is better? Who is the only one who can save us? Who fulfills all of God's promises?

Hebrews 11 - Hall of Faith



Across

6. Believing is _____.
8. Who was listed in Hebrews 11 as one know for his faith
9. This Victory _____ the evil world (1 John 5:4 NLT)
11. He was known for his WITNESS of faith and built the ark?

Down

1. We learn five lessons about faith in his life?
2. Who was the first elder of the Faith

3. Faith and Fear _____ work and mesh together well?

4. He walked with God and was not?

5. By faith Moses _____ to be the son of Pharoah's daughter.

7. _____ is listed in Hebrews 11 and is known for his strength.

10. She judged God faithful and received strength through faith to conceive?



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