

JESUS READ THE SCRIPTURES

BABIES
UNIT 2
SESSION 4

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story in the leader guide.)

Over the past few years, meteorologists have promised a special event would be more widespread than usual. Many people across the United States would have the opportunity to witness the Northern Lights right from their own backyards. Many people stayed up well past midnight for the best chance at viewing the lights. We can only guess at how many people were disappointed when they walked outside and saw the same inky sky they always see. However, those who thought to bring their cell phones were able to use the camera to see the vivid pink streaks cross the sky. The meteorologists' predictions were right. Seen through the proper lens, the normal, everyday sky was transformed into something truly spectacular.

Luke 4:16 tells us that Jesus "came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As usual, he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read." There was nothing out of the ordinary about this scene. No one paid particular attention to Jesus as He took the scroll and read the familiar prophetic message from Isaiah 61:1-2. No one was aware that they were in the presence of the long-awaited promised Messiah.

Nazareth was Jesus' hometown. The townspeople knew Him to be the son of Joseph. Jesus grew up in their midst, and there seemed to be nothing extraordinary about Him. To the people of Nazareth, Jesus was simply a young Hebrew man observing the custom of reading the Scriptures in the synagogue. But then, He said these remarkable words, "Today as you listen, this Scripture has been fulfilled." This was Jesus' first public profession of His ministry.

To those who watched Him grow up, He was just an ordinary man. Yet, when seen through the lens of the prophetic writings of Isaiah and Micah, He was clearly the One sent by God as the Savior of the world. Little did the people know the prophecy proclaimed by Isaiah, the very One they had just read about from God's Word, stood in their presence that day.

Ask the Lord to help you see the ways in which He has fulfilled His promises to you. Thank Him that His Word is as alive and active in our world.

TEACHER TIP

Follow a baby's routine as closely as possible. Ask parents about sleep and feeding schedules when they bring their child to class. Keep notes about how often the baby was fed and changed.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

The Bible tells about Jesus.

LIFE POINT

Jesus taught that the Scriptures tell about Him.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Luke 4:16-22

BIBLE VERSE

Jesus said, "The Scriptures tell about Me." Luke 4:21

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