

Jesus Is Rejected in Nazareth

Theme

Jesus was rejected in His own hometown.

Object

None

Scripture

Mark 6:1-13

Do you feel welcome when you come to church? (Pause.) I hope so! I hope you have some friends here who you love to play with. Now let me ask you another question: If Jesus were to walk in today, do you think He would feel welcome? Explain why you think that.

The Bible tells about a time Jesus went to the synagogue, which is like a church, in His hometown. It says before Jesus returned to His hometown, He had healed many people and even raised a young girl from the dead. As He always did, on the weekly day of rest, called the Sabbath, Jesus went to the synagogue. He began teaching, and many who were there were amazed at what they heard. They didn't know that Jesus had so much wisdom and power. But He wasn't welcomed by everyone. What do you think about Jesus not being welcomed in His own hometown? (Pause for answers.)

The Bible says some of the people in the synagogue began to make fun of Jesus. "Who does He think He is? And where does He get this wisdom and the power to do miracles? Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't He the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon? Don't His sisters live right here in the same town with us?" They were offended by the teachings of Jesus and refused to believe in Him.

(Invite children to close their eyes now. Have them think of a time they were rejected. Encourage them to consider how they felt and how they reacted. Allow about a minute, and then have kids open their eyes. Invite children to share about any feelings they had.)

Jesus responded to those who rejected Him by saying, "A prophet is not accepted in His own hometown, among His relatives, on the streets He played in as a child." Because of their unbelief,

Jesus was unable to do any miracles among them except to place His hands upon a few people and heal them. Jesus was amazed at their unbelief.

(Encourage kids to think about Jesus' experience in the synagogue that day. Invite them to show their reaction without saying any words; only with their face and bodies.)

Jesus told His disciples to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). But just as many in Nazareth rejected Jesus, they would also reject His disciples. If you and I tell others about Jesus, they might reject us too. They might say, "Who do they think you are? You're just kids." Jesus told us to tell others about Him, but He said it would not be easy.

God, just as Jesus was rejected in His own hometown, we may also be rejected when we tell others about Jesus. Help us remain Jesus' faithful witnesses even when it isn't easy. In Jesus' name, amen.

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Interactive Group Activities
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Sermon Title: "Jesus Is Rejected in Nazareth"

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:1-6

BUILDING RELAY: Jesus was a Carpenter and children can be given an equal set of blocks, legos, or lincoln logs to see which team can BUILD a church/house first. They will have to work together and not leave anyone out, while building their structure. If time allows, children can be encouraged to build something else for the other team to GUESS what they built!

REJECTED MUSICAL CHAIRS: Play musical chairs in the usual manner. Tell them that whoever does not find a chair when the music stops is REJECTED and has to sit out and let them know that Jesus was rejected in our story today. They could actually sit in the circle to hear today's story, asking how they felt when they were REJECTED?!

WELCOME PLACE MAT: Give each child a sheet of card stock with WELCOME stenciled in large letters. Underneath it the children will write, "Whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." Mark 9:37. The children will then decorate their place mat using colored markers and stickers. Cover the place mat with clear contact paper when the drawing is complete to be used at their dinner table.

SCROLL ROLL: Each child can be given a piece of paper of their color choice, as well as markers and stickers. Encourage children to write words about Jesus, faithfulness, rejection, etc on their scroll and then ROLL together from both sides and gently tie with a piece of yarn or string.

PRAYING HANDS: Have the Children trace both of their hands on a sheet of paper. Color the picture and under the praying hands, write, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." Mark 6:4.

BUILD A PRETZEL HOUSE: This could be used for snack time as the children BUILD a church out of pretzels as a reminder that Jesus was a carpenter. Another option is to use sliced cheese to shape into a house or church for children to show others and then EAT their structures.

Song: "Into My Heart"

[Words and Music \(pdf\)](#)



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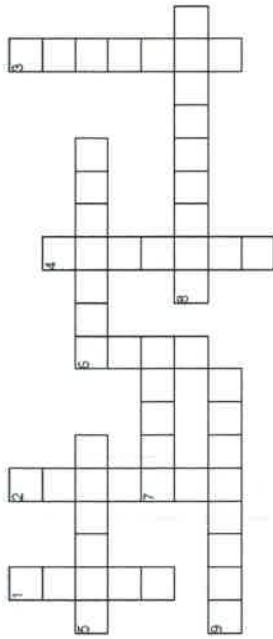


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Crossword Puzzle



HORIZONTAL

- The ability to judge what is true or right
- An event that can only be done through the power of God
- To treat with great respect
- A person whose job is making and repairing things made from wood
- The town or city where a person was born or grew up

VERTICAL

- To have great trust or belief in something or someone
- One who is a spokesman for God to man
- A man or boy with the same parents as another person
- The seventh day of the week, the day of rest and worship for the Jews
- The mother of Jesus

HOMETOWN MIRACLE CARPENTER SABBATH HONOR
MARY FAITH WISDOM PROPHET BROTHER



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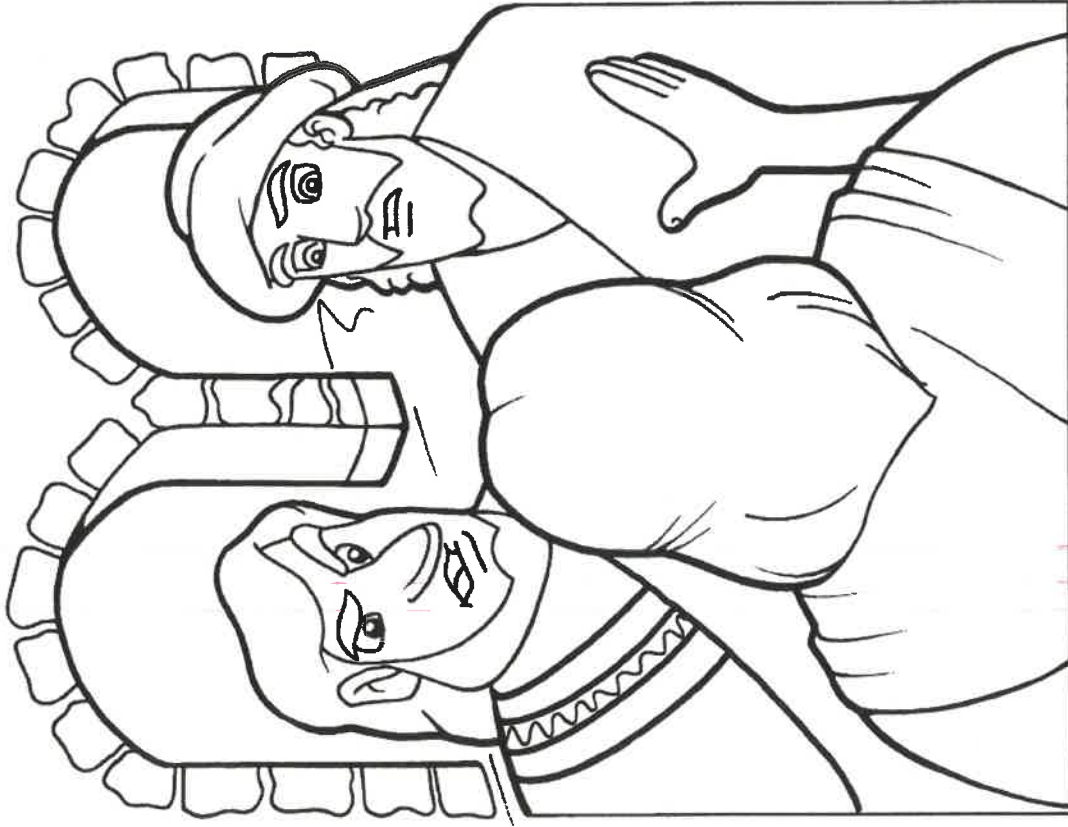
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Your Church Name
Any Town, Anywhere

Coloring Page



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Mark 6:4 (NIV)

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Decoder Puzzle

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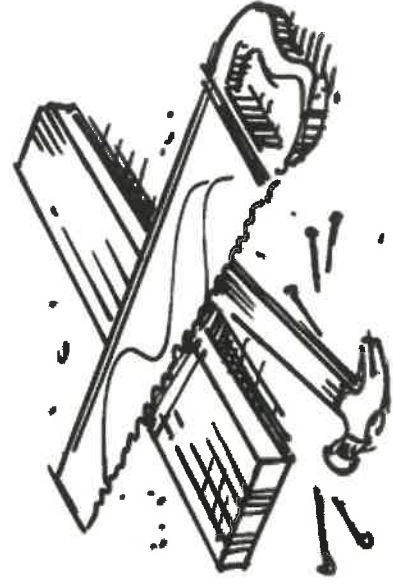
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SABBATH	WISDOM	MIRACLE	BROTHER	MARY
PROPHET	FAITH	HOMETOWN	CARPENTER	HONOR



Isn't this the carpenter?

REJECTION AT NAZARETH

(MARK 6:1-6)



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