SKIT FOR LUKE 4:14-30

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NARRATOR reads the story while others act out some of the parts.

(Pick someone to be Jesus.)

NARRATOR : After Jesus had been baptized and then tempted by the devil, everywhere He went He told about God's love and His plan for man. He went to the town He grew up in to teach the people that were there.

He stood up to read from a scroll. He said,

(Put this in a scroll for Jesus to read.)

JESUS:

"God has sent me to give good news to poor people.

God has sent me to give prisoners their freedom and make blind people see again. God has sent me to show you that God is in control, not men."

NARRATOR : Jesus put the scroll away, then sat down. He said,

JESUS: "God has sent me to do this."

NARRATOR : People started talking about Him. Some said: (Pass out these parts before you start for people to respond)

"He's a good reader." "Wasn't that nice?" "I'm glad He came." "He sounds so good." "Yes, but does He know what He's talking about?" "Didn't He grow up here?" "Yes! So.... what makes Him think He can tell us what God wants?" "He hasn't done any miracles here. Why should we listen to Him?" "His brothers don't even listen to Him."

JESUS:

Long ago, when there was a famine in your country, God sent his prophet to people outside the country because you wouldn't listen. And, when many of the people in this country were sick, God healed other people because you wouldn't listen.

NARRATOR : The people got mad when Jesus said that they were not listening to God. They crowded around Him and pushed him toward a cliff because they wanted to kill Him. But, somehow Jesus walked right through the crowd and went to tell other people about God's love.

More ideas for this lesson:

Luke 4:20 – The eyes of everyone were fastened on Him

Anyone able to do a magic trick? If so, can anyone figure out how the trick is done? You do that by watching carefully. People were watching Jesus carefully to try to figure out who He was and what He was trying to do. We want to watch Him carefully too!

Where is your "place"? Do you notice things where they belong or where they don't belong? (There is a good object lesson here – perhaps a tray of all kitchen things with a non-kitchen thing on it too?, etc.) We can be like these things sometimes. When we are the stranger, more people might notice us or treat us in a different way than if we are always around. Sometimes we think that people we don't know will know more about something than the people that we do know. (Parents experience this a lot!) People who were brought up around Jesus did not always see Him in the same way that others did.

In verse 15 everyone was praising Jesus and in verse 28 they were all mad at Him. Have you ever felt that way? When? What happened? Make circles to glue on a popsicle stick, one side a happy face and the other a mad face as you talk about changes in your attitude.

Make a scroll and write a memory verse on it. (Perhaps John 20:31 - a declaration of Jesus that He is the son of God.)

Discussion question: How do you know who you should listen to?

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