

Youth Teaching Resources

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A Good Way to Begin — Psalm 147:12-20

Jesus: The Curtain Rises

Of Water and Fire — Luke 3:15-22 (RCL 3:15-17, 21-22)

Of Water and Wine — John 2:1-11

An Old Scroll and a New Mission — Luke 4:14-21

A New Prophet and an Old Response — Luke 4:21-30

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A New Prophet and an Old Response

Luke 4:21-30

YOUTH Teaching Guide

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TEACHER PREPARATION: YOUTH AND THIS LESSON

Our students have lots of expectations placed on them. Sometimes they place these expectations on themselves, but many times, external forces place these expectations on them. Help your students wade through which expectations will help them become who they are called to be from those expectations that will just keep them tied down. As you help your students through this process, also talk with them about the expectations they have for their faith. Ask them the same questions about their faith expectations as for their own expectations. When they compare the two, they will begin to see how they go hand-in-hand.

TEACHING THE LESSON

Fellowship

Begin your session by showing the clip “There’s No Place Like Home” from *The Wizard of Oz*. If you are unable to show the clip, summarize it as best you can, and then facilitate a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) Why was Dorothy glad to be home?
- 2) Is it always easy to come home? Explain.
- 3) When was a time when you were not welcomed? When was a time when you were welcomed? What was different about the two circumstances?
- 4) How can you make others more welcome?
- 5) How might it be easier to use your gifts in a place you are familiar? How might it be easier to use your gifts in a new place?

Information

Transition to the next section of the session by reading Luke 4:21-30. Allow the students to ask any initial questions they have about the text. As you answer their questions, you may want to provide some of the information from THE BIBLE LESSON, printed in *Baptists Today*.

When the students have had an opportunity to share their initial thoughts, continue the discussion by facilitating a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) Was the crowd's reaction to Jesus or what Jesus was teaching? Explain.
- 2) How was the crowd's question similar to how Satan had tempted Jesus in the wilderness?
- 3) What titles does Jesus claim in this passage?
- 4) Why would the people have been upset with Jesus after their initial reaction?
- 5) What "miracle" do the people witness but not see?

If your group would like to continue their discussion on this passage, share some of the insights provided in "Digging Deeper" (NF Online Adult Teaching Guide). You may want to use some questions like the following to facilitate your discussion:

- 1) Does it matter when Jesus visits the synagogue?
- 2) What is foreshadowed in this text?
- 3) How is Jesus similar to Elijah and Elisha?

You may also want your group to discuss "The Hardest Question" (NF Online Adult Teaching Guide): What did Luke mean about Jesus speaking "words of grace"?

Transformation

Conclude your session by distributing paper and pens to each person. On one side of the paper have them write down all the expectations they have for themselves and on the other side, they are to write all the expectations they have for their faith. When they have finished their list, have them partner with another person and share their responses. Have each pair choose one expectation to hold the other person accountable for over the next month. Come back together in the large group when the pairs have finished and have individuals share the expectations they have for their faith. As a group, discuss ways that these expectations can be met.

Close with a prayer inviting Jesus to again be part of their life so that he may work through them.