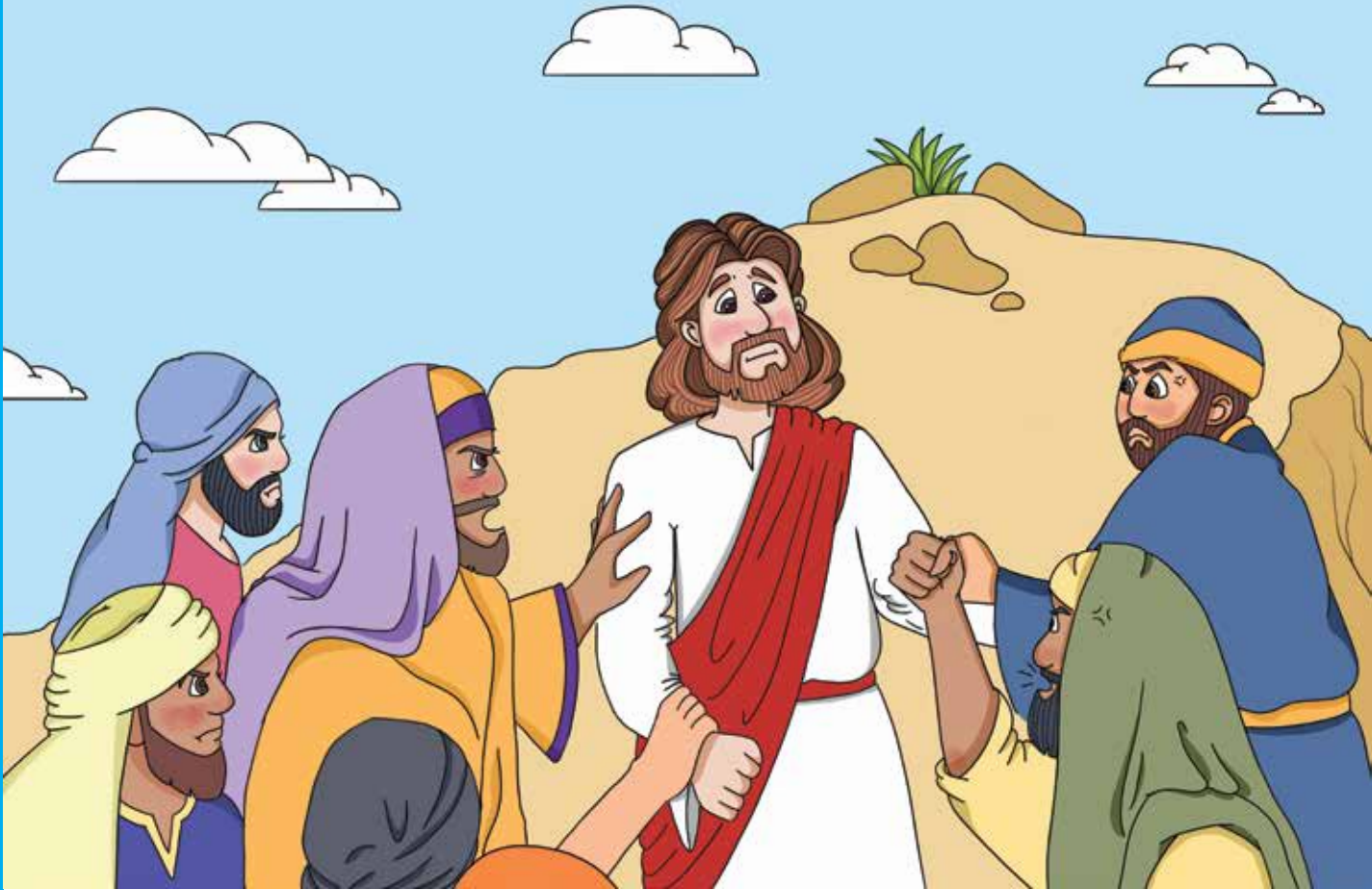




Sermon at the Synagogue

We know that Jesus was sent by God to save His people. But sometimes we refuse to listen to Him and like people of His time, we end rejecting the Kingdom of God!



Jesus started God's work at Nazareth, His hometown. It was Sabbath Day, the holy day of the week, and Jesus went to the Synagogue where He had been to school and worshipped God. Jesus was invited to read the Holy Scroll and chose a reading from the prophet Isaiah.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the prisoners, to give the blind their sight, and to free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people."



Know Now: Theologians call the sermon at the Synagogue - *The Nazareth Manifesto: Jesus' Mission Statement*

Book: *Jesus and Freedom*, Orbis Books, New York, 1977 by Dr. Sebastian Kappen SJ

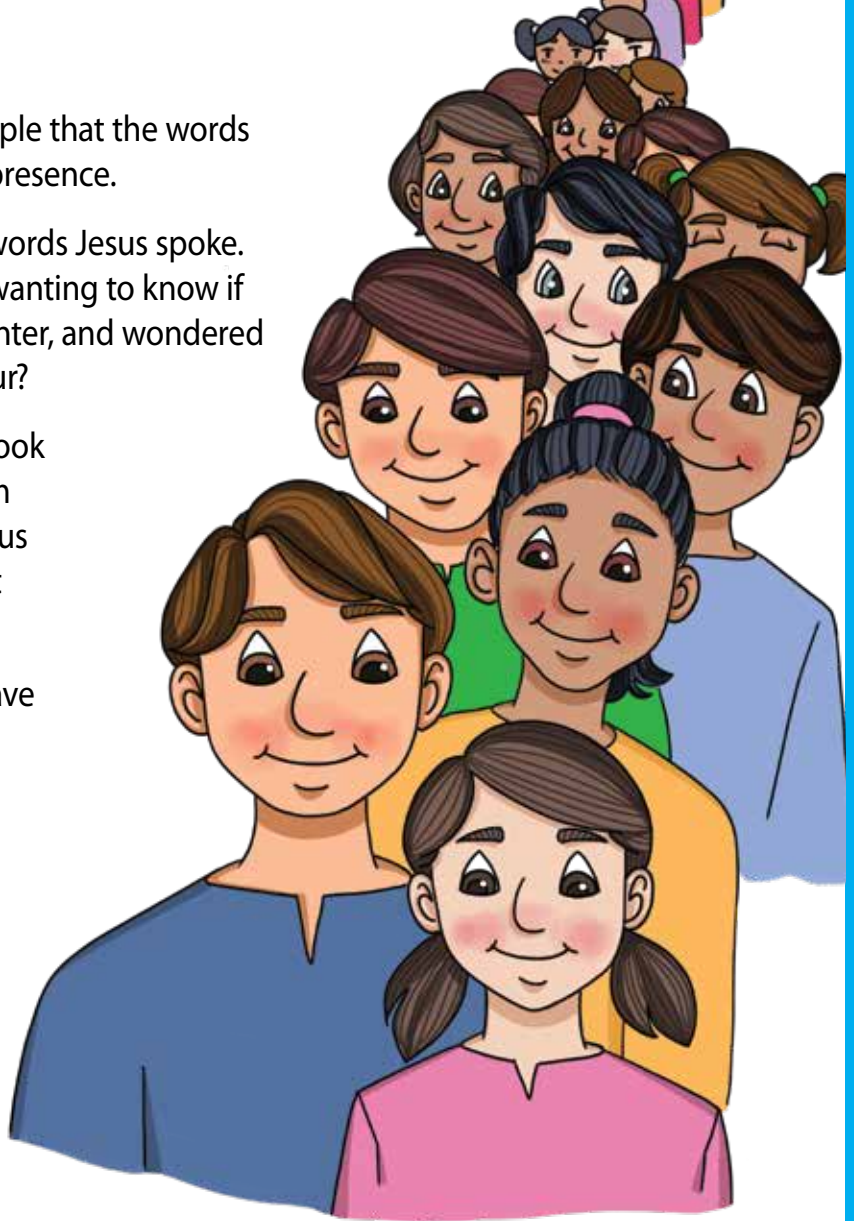
Quote: "I don't see how you can show love...without being in solidarity with the victims of this world." - Jon Sobrino SJ

After the reading, Jesus told the people that the words He just read had come true in their presence.

The people were impressed by the words Jesus spoke. But some whispered to each other, wanting to know if He was the son of Joseph, the carpenter, and wondered how could He call Himself the Saviour?

Soon an angry mob shouted and shook their fists at Jesus. They dragged Him out and wanted to hurt Him, but Jesus walked through the crowd and went away.

It is sad that sometimes we too behave like the mob, and reject God's Son.



Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. All the people in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him, as he said to them, "This passage of scripture has come true today, as you heard it being read." They were all well impressed with him and marveled at the eloquent words that he spoke. They said, "Isn't he the son of Joseph?"

Luke 4: 20-22



I believe in you Jesus, the Christ, the Chosen one of God, full of the Spirit. You came to give the Good News of God's love. You love everyone equally. You gave sight to the blind and healed the sick. You are the Son of God in whom the Father is pleased. Pray for us. Amen.

When your parents correct and guide you to do certain tasks, you are required to obey them and appreciate their word and guidance as people appreciated Jesus in Synagogue. Do you appreciate them for guiding you?





Draw a yellow circle around the child praying in the morning. A green circle around child praying at night, a red circle around the child praying before meals, and a blue circle around those who are not praying at all.

