



LESSON 6

REFERENCES: LUKE 4:16-22; *THE DESIRE OF AGES*, PP. 236-243.

Jesus Reads in Church

What is your favorite thing about Sabbath School and church? Do you like the songs or the stories? Do you like to be with your friends? Jesus liked to go to church on Sabbath too!

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hen Jesus was a little boy, He probably helped His father Joseph in the carpenter shop. He was busy! But when Sabbath came, Jesus did not work. After work on Friday, and before sunset, He put everything away. The shop was nice and neat.

Jesus went to church with His family

and His friends on Sabbath. At church people listened to stories read from the Bible scrolls.

They would talk about the stories. They would pray together. Jesus loved to go to His church in Nazareth!



Memory Verse

“Let us go to the
house of the LORD.”
PSALM 122:1, NIV.

The Message

We worship God
in Sabbath School
and church.

When Jesus grew up, He left Nazareth. It was time for Him to help people in other towns. Wherever He went, He would go to church and teach the people more about God's love.

After Jesus had been away for a while, He went back to visit His family and friends in Nazareth. It was so good to see everyone! The people of Nazareth had been hearing stories about Him. They knew that Jesus had made some people well. They knew He had helped many people.

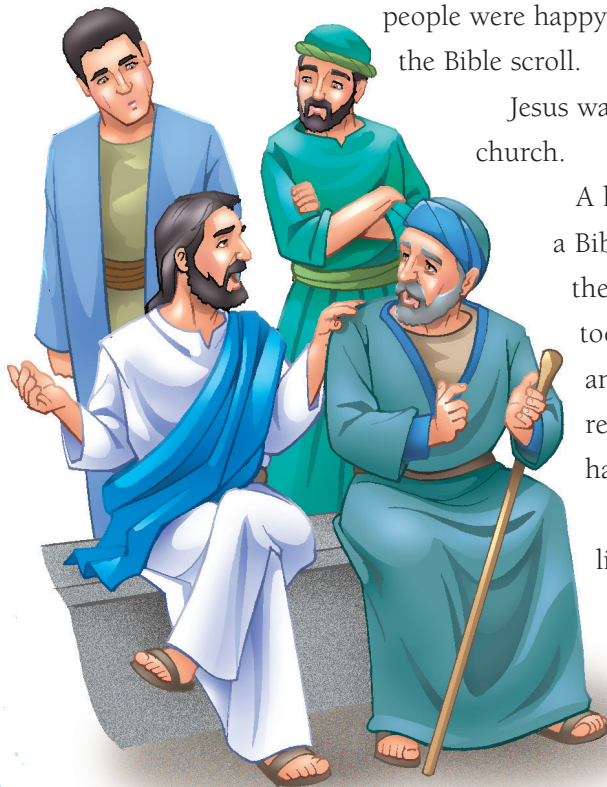
Soon it was Sabbath. Jesus was happy to worship God in Nazareth again. The people were happy to see Him. They asked Him to read from the Bible scroll.

Jesus was happy to read. He liked to help in church.

A helper in the church probably picked out a Bible scroll for Jesus to read. It was from the part of the Bible called Isaiah. Jesus took the Bible scroll in His hands and began to read. When Jesus stopped reading, He talked about the words He had just read.

We like to go to church on Sabbath. We like to worship God with our family and friends too! We sing songs to tell God, "I love You!" We read from His Bible book and talk about the stories. We pray. We like to worship God just as Jesus did. Sabbath really is a happy day!

When you go to Sabbath School and church on Sabbath, you are telling Jesus that you love Him.



Do and Say

SABBATH

Use the following actions as you practice the memory verse together throughout the week:

“Let us go March in place.

to the house . . . Put fingertips together, still marching.

of the LORD.” . . Spread arms open wide, still marching.

Psalm 122:1 . . . Put palms together; then open.

Sing a song about going to church.
Thank God for your church.

SUNDAY

Review the Bible story. Ask: What did Jesus do in church? What did the people say about Him? Let your child carefully hold the Bible. Find the memory verse (Psalm 122:1) and have your child read it or repeat after you.

MONDAY

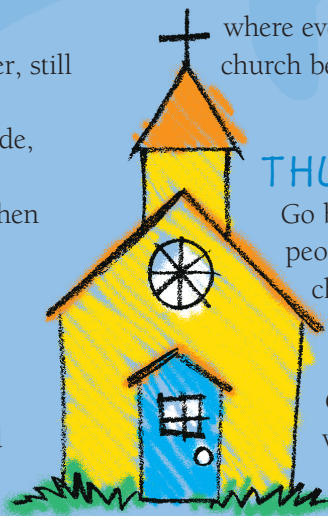
Show your child Luke 4:16-22. Read some of it, paraphrasing as necessary. Ask your child to tell you what he or she learned about Jesus.

TUESDAY

Help your child build a church out of blocks or other materials. Together, play “church” with toy people. Say: We worship God when we take part in church and Sabbath School.

WEDNESDAY

Help your child make a picture of a church and write the memory verse on it. Hang it in a place where everyone can see it. Sing a song about church before you pray together.



THURSDAY

Go back to your church and toy people. As your child reenacts the church service, sing about what each character is doing to the tune of “This Is the Way We Walk to Church.” For example: “This is the way we pray to God, pray to God, pray to God. This is the way we pray to God in church on Sabbath morning.”

FRIDAY

Help your child teach the memory verse to the rest of the family during evening worship. Talk about ways your family gets ready for Sabbath. Sing a song of thanks; then pray for God’s blessing on your Sabbath day.

