



a Kendall Hunt Company

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, Primary - RCLB Lectionary



Primary Session

Luke 4:21-30

Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

Good and loving God,
thank you for all the prophets in the world
who stand up for what is good and right.
Help us to be caring and kind.
In the name of Jesus we pray.
Amen.

Opening Life Reflection

The theme for today's session is how through our baptism we are called to be prophets. Begin by explaining to the children that a prophet is someone who sees things the way that God sees things. A prophet stands up for what is good and right. Invite the children to reflect on how when they were baptized, they became part of God's family. As God's children we work together to bring God's love into the world. Discuss:

- Who are the people that you know at home, at school and in the world that stand up for what is good and right?
- When do you stand up for what is good and right?
- Is it sometimes difficult to stand up for what you think is good?
- Who are the people in your life who help teach you what is good and right?

Allow time for discussion. As children of God, we are called to be kind and caring toward others. It may be difficult to do the right thing sometimes, but God is always there to help us.



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Listening to the Word of God

In the Gospel reading today Jesus tells the people that he is a prophet. Listen to find out what the people do.

Read Luke 4:21-30.

Allow for silence.

Scripture Discussion Starters

- What does Jesus try to tell the people?
- Do the people believe Jesus?
- Why do the people want Jesus to leave town?
- What does Jesus do?

Scripture Background

Provide 2-3 minutes of background information on the gospel.

In today's Gospel Jesus tries to tell the people that he was sent by God. The people listen to Jesus but they are unable to believe what he has to say. Jesus is rejected in his hometown.

This Gospel reveals that sometimes it is difficult to do what is right. Jesus spoke the truth even when the people did not accept what he had to say. Jesus was brave and he went on his way continuing to do God's work.

As children of God and followers of Christ we are called to do what is right even when it is difficult. This is the baptismal call of the prophet. And we can rely on God to give us strength.

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Questions for Deeper Reflection

- What does it mean to live as a child of God?
- Who helps you to live as a child of God?

If you are not going to continue with the doctrinal discussion, proceed to the Gospel in Life.

Doctrinal Discussion Starters

Our Identity as Prophets

Prophets speak the word of God. In Israel's history, prophets played a much-needed role in restoring the faith of the people. The prophets spoke on behalf of God. Some examples of Old Testament prophets are Moses, Elijah, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. God anointed Jesus for his mission as priest, prophet, and king. Jesus is the Word of God, fulfilling God's message of love and concern for the world.

Catholics believe that through our baptism in Christ, we become part of God's family. We are called to be prophets. Prophets help to bring God's love into the world. In order to stand up for goodness and peace we need to rely on the power of God. God promises to remain by our side. With God's help we can build a better world.

- How can God help you to be kind and caring toward others?
- How do you show love and concern for the world?

The Gospel in Life

How can you be more kind and caring within your family, with your friends, and at school?

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