

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | Luke 4:16-30

SESSION SUMMARY

God's people, the Jews, were often surprised by Jesus's actions—He wasn't the Messiah they expected. So when He read a prophecy from Isaiah about the Messiah and claimed to have fulfilled it right then, the people who heard Him responded poorly. His hometown was in an uproar. In fact, Scripture says they tried to toss Him over the edge of a cliff, but Jesus slipped through the crowd unnoticed. Through this encounter, we learn that we can expect rejection for following Christ. Here are the key takeaways:

- Jesus fulfilled prophecy (Luke 4:16-23)
- Jesus was rejected (Luke 4:24-30)

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- When has our family, or individual family members, felt rejected? How can the truth that Jesus also faced rejection comfort and strengthen us?
- Why do you think we have a greater fear of rejection when sharing our faith or living differently around people who don't know Jesus?
- Why do you think people are offended by the gospel?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Living out our faith and sharing the gospel in a sometimes hostile world can feel intimidating. Brainstorm a list of ways your family can create a safe space of acceptance and godly love at home as well as support one another in moments of rejection. Try building a list of supportive practices (like praying and reading Scripture together) and questions to facilitate conversation after rejection (like, "What do you need?" "How can I support you right now?"). God knew the life He called us to would sometimes be tough, so He gave us each other for love, support, and encouragement as we live our lives for Him.