



## Live Out Loud

### Jesus is Rejected in Nazareth

**BIG IDEA:** Jesus was rejected for saying unpopular things.

**BIBLE BASIS:** Luke 4:16–30

**KEY VERSE:** “Am I now trying to get people to think well of me? Or do I want God to think well of me? Am I trying to please people? If I were, I would not be serving Christ.” Galatians 1:10 (NirV)

### SMALL GROUP CONNECT

#### SOUND EFFECTS FACTORY

**Directions:** Explain to the kids in your group that during the “Live Out Loud” series, they’re going to be providing sound effects for the Big Bible Story. For today’s story, kids will be providing the sounds for the following:

- Amazed Sounds
- Murmur (say the word “murmur” repeatedly in a low voice to one another.)
- Excited Murmur
- Angry Murmur
- Heart Beating
- Growl
- Feet Running

Practice the sounds ahead of time with your group. If you would like to make a competition out of it, have the kids go one at a time and then announce who you thought performed the best sound. Tell them to be prepared to do their sounds later during the Big Bible Story. When finished, ask the following questions:

**Question:** What are some things that make a person popular?

**Question:** Do you care about being popular?

#### ADDITIONAL TIME ACTIVITY—THUMBS UP, THUMBS DOWN

If you have additional time before Large Group begins, play “Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down.” Simply ask the kids in your group to share one good thing that happened this week (thumbs up) and one not-so-good thing (thumbs down). This is a great way for your group to share celebrations and struggles with one another





## ★ LARGE GROUP LESSON

## ★ SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

### BIG BIBLE STORY QUESTIONS

#### For Younger Kids:

1. What did you find interesting about this story?
2. Why do you think the people in the synagogue were angry when Jesus said He had come to save everyone?

#### For Older Kids:

1. What do you think this story teaches us about God?
2. Why do you think the people from Jesus' hometown had a hard time believing that He was the Messiah?

### MIRROR, MIRROR (Application Activity)

**Directions:** Choose one kid in your group to be the “mover.” Tell the “mover” to begin moving her hands, feet, head, body, etc. in whatever way she wants. As she does so, the rest of the kids will have to mirror everything the “mover” does. Encourage the “mover” to begin with slow simple movements, but then work her way up to faster and more difficult movements. When the group struggles to keep up with the “mover” or when the turn has continued long enough, stop the group and ask them how hard or easy it was to mirror that “mover.” Now choose a different “mover” and play another round. Continue until all of the kids have had a turn.

**Say:** When you “mirror” somebody, it means that you act like them. Sometimes it’s easy for us to just “mirror” or act like our friends. It’s easy for us to just do and say the things we think our friends will like, but God calls us to “mirror” someone else—Jesus! When we “mirror” Jesus, it means we’re acting like Him and doing the things that please God, but that’s not always easy. Sometimes pleasing God means doing the unpopular thing.

**Question:** Have you ever done something that was wrong or displeasing to God because you thought your friends would like it?

**Question:** What are some things that are pleasing to God, but might not be popular with your friends?

**Directions:** Turn in your Bible to 2 Corinthians 5:9. Read it aloud to your kids.

**Question:** What are some ways this coming week that you can do your best to try and please God?



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## Small Group Lesson | School Age



### **COLOR VERSE** (Bible Memorization Activity)

**Directions:** Give each kid in your group a Bible verse coloring sheet. Place a box of markers in the middle of the group. Tell the kids to design or color the letters however they would like. Today's Bible verse says:

**“Am I now trying to get people to think well of me? Or do I want God to think well of me? Am I trying to please people? If I were, I would not be serving Christ.”**  
**Galatians 1:10 (NirV)**

While the kids are designing and coloring, ask them the following question:

**Question:** Think about the way you act around your friends. When you're with your friends, are you more concerned with pleasing them or with pleasing God?

When everyone is finished coloring, read the verse together several times or until the kids have it sufficiently memorized. When ready, tell the kids to flip their paper over and recite the verse from memory.

### **LENDING A HAND** (Group Prayer Activity)

**Directions:** Ask the kids in your group to think of someone in their family they can pray for. Give each kid a washable marker and tell them to write the name of the person on the top of their hand. When finished, allow each kid to show what name they wrote down and share how they're going to pray for that person. When everyone has had a chance to share, have the kids place their "name" hand on top of one another in the middle of the circle. Open the kids in prayer and then allow them to pray aloud for the person on their hand. When finished, close the group in one final prayer.

