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Now You See Him; Now You Don't

Key References: Luke 4:16-30; *The Desire of Ages*, chap. 24, pp. 236-243; *The Bible Story* (1994), vol. 7, pp. 165-168; Our Beliefs nos. 4, 9, 18















Sabbath

DO Do the activity on page 32.

power**text**

"I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken" (Psalm 16:7, 8).

power**point**

When we respond to God's love, Christ becomes the center of our worship.

Can you remember something in church that made you feel close to God? It may have been a song, a reading, a sermon, or something else. When we worship God, we get to know Him better, and He can speak to us about His plans for us. Imagine a worship service like this one.

Jesus got up to read the Scripture. People in the village had been talking about Him, telling stories about His going to other towns and healing people. Now He was back in Nazareth, where He had grown up. It seemed that more people than usual were at the synagogue today. The whole town had heard that one of their own was back. They wanted to see just how He had changed.

Standing in front of the group, Jesus opened the scroll. The whole room seemed to be holding its breath, waiting for Jesus to speak.

Jesus told the group He was reading from Isaiah where the prophet says, "The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor" (Isaiah 61:1, 2).

The way He read the verses, people felt drawn to them. He spoke with authority, but also with kindness. Finishing reading, Jesus rolled up the scroll and handed it to the synagogue attendant. Wrapped in silence, everyone wondered what would happen next.

Jesus looked around the room and slowly began to explain what

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Sunday

READ Read Isaiah 61:1, 2 and this week's story, "Now You See Him; Now You Don't."

CONNECT Draw a circle in the middle of a page of your Bible study journal. Write the power text, with the reference, around the inside of the circle. Paste a picture of Christ in the center. Throughout the week, write the names of those for whom you are praying outside the circle. Draw lines to connect their names to the center circle.

REVIEW Review the power text.

PRAY Ask God to help you keep your eyes on Christ.

Monday

READ Read Psalm 22:22 and Psalm 35:18.

THINK What is the meaning of these verses? What does "the assembly" or "the great assembly" represent?

PLAN Plan to lead out in family worship on Friday.

REVIEW Review the power text.

PRAY Praise God cheerfully both at home and at church.

Tuesday

READ Read Luke 4:14-16.

THINK Where did Jesus receive power for His ministry?

PLAN Find Bible texts for your family worship on Friday.

REVIEW Review the power text.

PRAY Pray for the power of God's Spirit in your life.

He had read. "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). They remembered Him as someone who could mend their broken furniture. Now He was talking about being able to mend broken hearts.

Questioning faces looked at one another. Not everyone was pleased with Jesus' comments about Himself. Some thought they were right to doubt Jesus' authority because He did not perform any miracle in their town. They wanted more proof than the stories they had heard from Capernaum. After all, they



had known this man since He was a little boy.

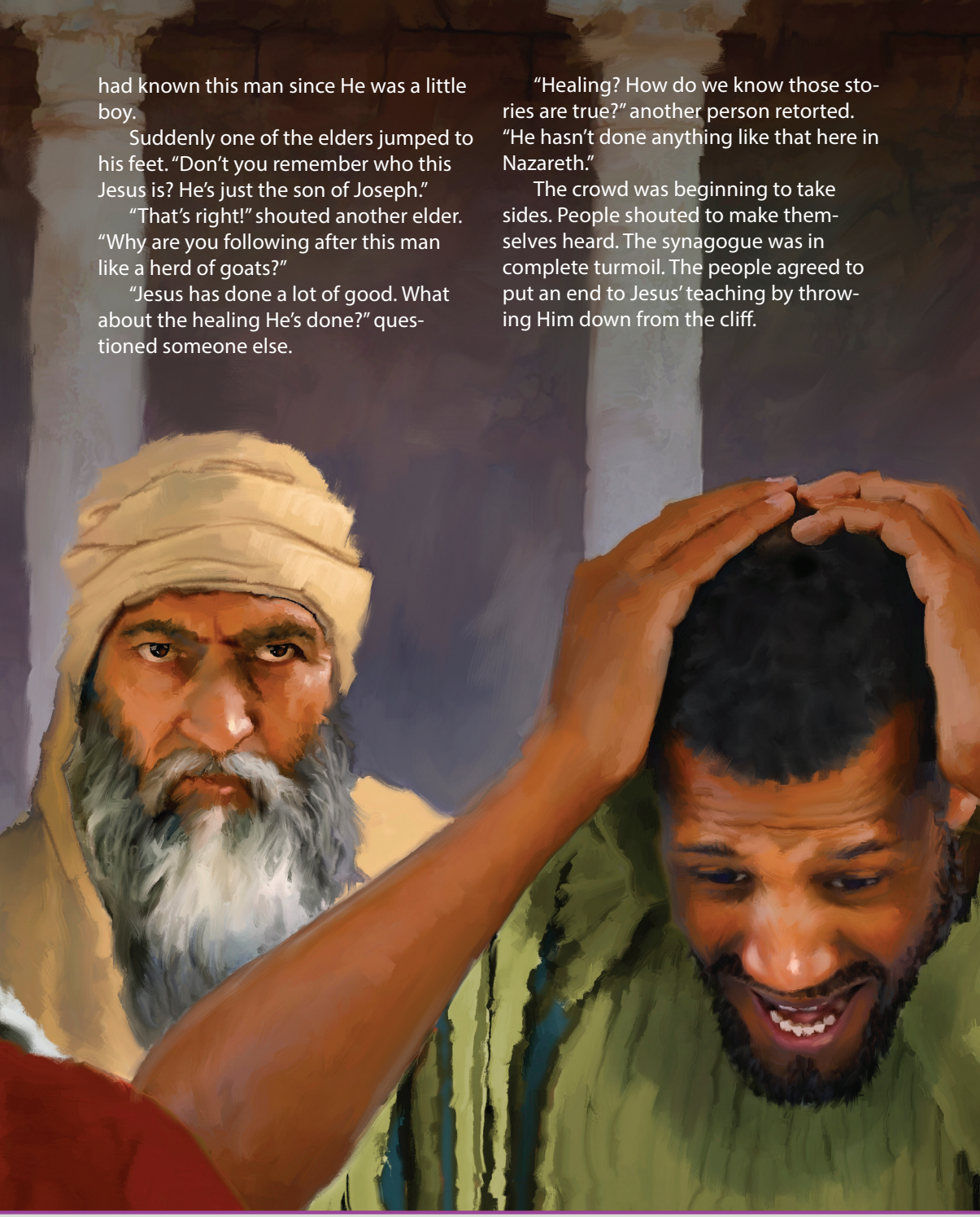
Suddenly one of the elders jumped to his feet. "Don't you remember who this Jesus is? He's just the son of Joseph."

"That's right!" shouted another elder. "Why are you following after this man like a herd of goats?"

"Jesus has done a lot of good. What about the healing He's done?" questioned someone else.

"Healing? How do we know those stories are true?" another person retorted. "He hasn't done anything like that here in Nazareth."

The crowd was beginning to take sides. People shouted to make themselves heard. The synagogue was in complete turmoil. The people agreed to put an end to Jesus' teaching by throwing Him down from the cliff.



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Wednesday

READ Read Luke 4:18-22.

REWRITE In your Bible study journal, rewrite verses 18 and 19 in your own words.

PLAN Plan the songs you will sing for Friday worship. Ask family members for help in presenting your worship

REVIEW Review the power text.

PRAY Ask God to help you reach out to others for Him.

Thursday

READ Read Luke 4:23-27.

THINK Why was faith essential when God chose people for special roles? How do you feel knowing that you are God's chosen one as long as you believe? How will you exercise your faith in God today?

PLAN Prepare the materials needed for family worship.

REVIEW Review the power text.

PRAY Ask God for a deeper understanding as you study His Word.

Friday

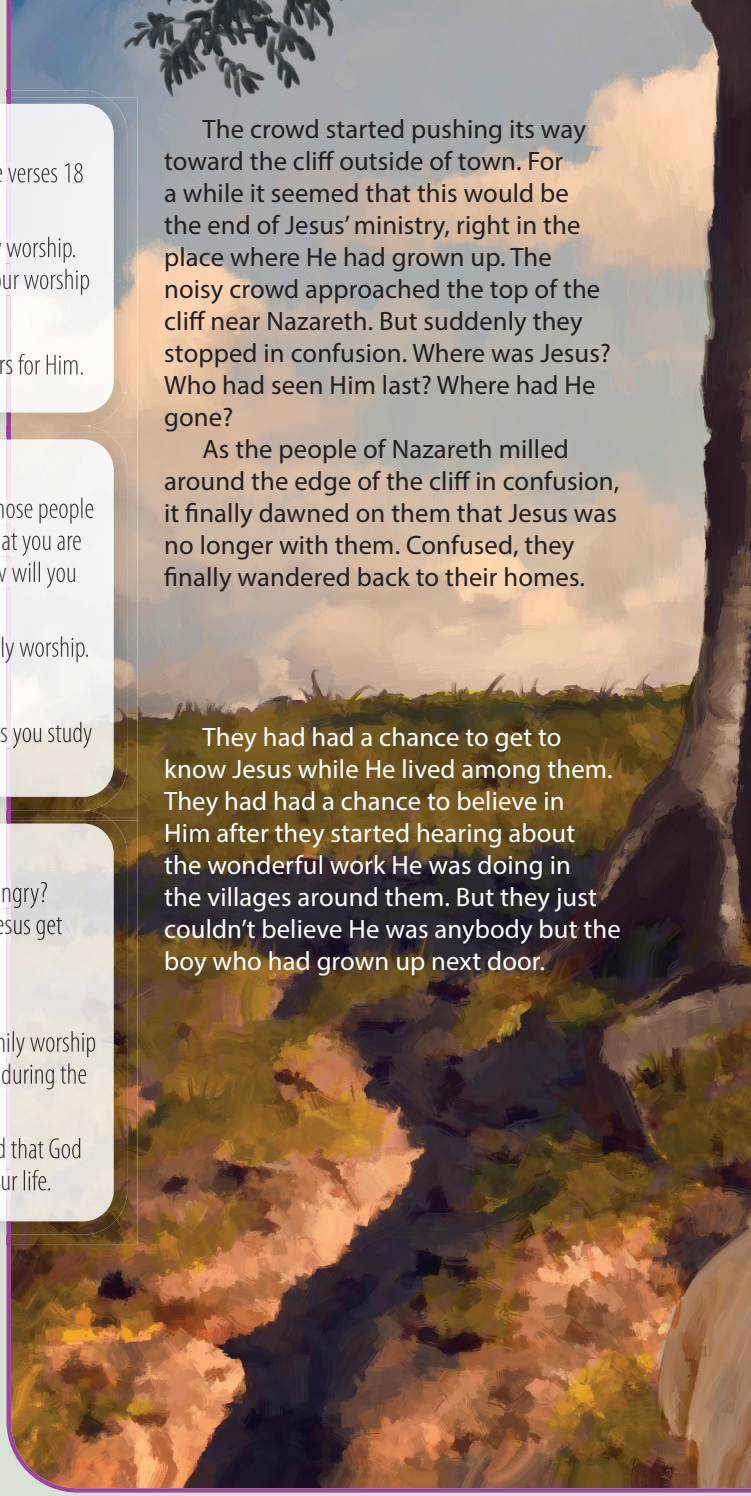
READ Read Luke 4:28-30.

THINK What made the people of the town angry? Would this have made you angry? How did Jesus get away from the crowd?

REPEAT Repeat the power text.

WORSHIP Gather the family together for family worship and lead out according to the plan you made during the week.

PRAY Pray that you will always keep in mind that God is with you and that He longs to come into your life.



The crowd started pushing its way toward the cliff outside of town. For a while it seemed that this would be the end of Jesus' ministry, right in the place where He had grown up. The noisy crowd approached the top of the cliff near Nazareth. But suddenly they stopped in confusion. Where was Jesus? Who had seen Him last? Where had He gone?

As the people of Nazareth milled around the edge of the cliff in confusion, it finally dawned on them that Jesus was no longer with them. Confused, they finally wandered back to their homes.

They had had a chance to get to know Jesus while He lived among them. They had had a chance to believe in Him after they started hearing about the wonderful work He was doing in the villages around them. But they just couldn't believe He was anybody but the boy who had grown up next door.

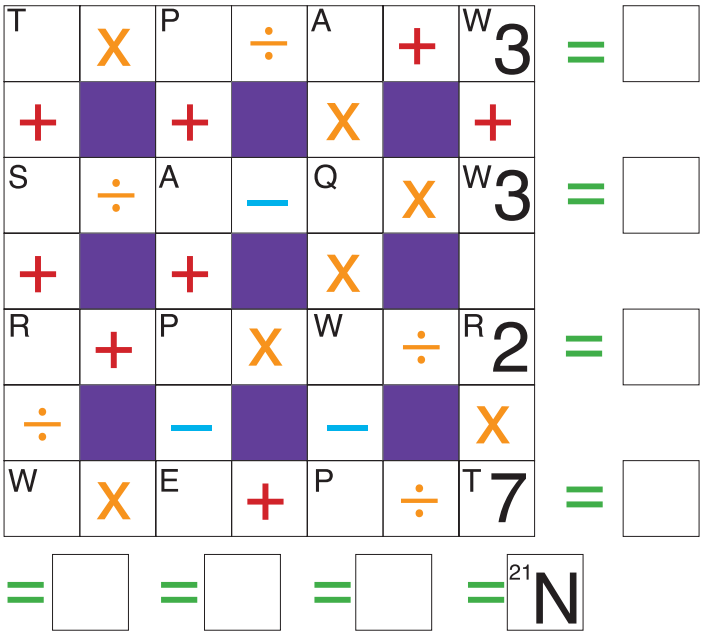


PUZZLE 3

PAUSE AND PRAISE

Alphabet and Number Code

A=4	N=21
B=13	O=25
C=16	P=8
D=23	Q=1
E=9	R=2
F=15	S=12
G=24	T=7
H=11	U=6
I=19	V=20
J=26	W=3
K=5	X=14
L=17	Y=18
M=10	



Instructions: This is a puzzle for those of you who love math. Using the alphabet code, replace the letters in the grid with the numbers in the code listed. We have completed one problem to help you. Then add, subtract, divide, or multiply where indicated to reach the total for each column. When you have the eight totals in place, reading from left to right and bottom to top, use the alphabet code to turn the totals into letters to reveal the single-word answer to the puzzle.

Answer: When you worship God on Sabbath, you have time to be __ __ __ N __ __ __ __ and give praise to your heavenly Father.

PUZZLE 4

THE MISSING ALPHABET

JUST	_ES_S
SHRIEK	S_OO_
FOCUS	PER_E_T
DESTROY	AU_HORIT_
AMAZED	NA__RETH
QUIET	_U_CKLY
ORDERS	CRIED
WORSHIP	_H_LE
EXAMINE	E_A_PLE
BECAUSE	_AB_ATH
POSSESSED	_EOPL_
REGION	SY_AGO_UE
EVIL	_IOLENT_Y

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Instructions: A complete 26-letter alphabet has been removed from the words in the right-hand column. All except two of the words in the right-hand column can be found in the Bible reading for this week's lesson, Mark 1:21-28. The letters missing from words on the right are found in the words on the left. When you have discovered which words those are and found the missing letters, use the letters to fill in the blanks of this puzzle (letters can be used more than once). We have given you two letters to get you started.

Answer: Jesus is our per __ e __ t e __ a __ ple; be __ o __ e an a __ tive __ e __ ber of God's __ hur __ h.