

# STUDY AIDS

## Story 26 - Jesus Starts His Ministry

A Bible Story from the Books of Matthew, Mark, & Luke



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# A Guide to Using the Stories in the Open Bible Stories

## The Reason For The Stories

The stories in the OBS tell about things that happened in the Bible. However, the stories are shorter than the Bible accounts, and the language is often easier to understand. The stories can help people learn about who God is and about what he has done. Also, each paragraph of a story has an image that can help people understand what happened in Bible times when clothing, houses, and culture were very different than they are today.

## How to Use The Stories

- **Choose a story to read.** The stories will be easier to understand if you read the stories in order, beginning with the first story
- **Read the story.** In a group, one person may read the story aloud, or the people may take turns reading portions.
- **Look at the images.** Use the images to help you understand what happened in the time of the story. Try to identify the people in the images.
- **Refer to the Notes.** Read the study notes whenever there is a word or something else that you do not understand in the story.
- **Discuss the Questions.** Read each question and think about the answer. The first set of questions help you see what the story says. The next set of questions help you think about what the story means to you. If you are in a group, allow different people to offer answers to the questions. Look at the answer to each question and see how it is the same as your answer, or different from it.
- **Read the Summary.** Read the story summary at the end of the questions. Think about what you have learned about God in the story. If you are in a group, ask the group what they have learned from the story.

## The Parts of The Stories

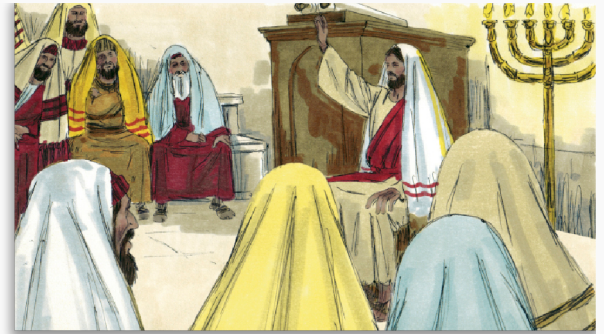
- The text of the stories
- The images in the stories
- The study notes in the stories
- The questions for the stories

# Study Notes

## Slide 1

After Jesus refused Satan's temptations, he returned to the region of Galilee. This is where he lived. The Holy Spirit was giving him much power, and Jesus went from place to place and taught people. Everyone said good things about him.

**After Jesus refused Satan's temptations** - Jesus did not do the wrong things Satan tried to get him to do, so Jesus defeated him.



## Slide 2

Jesus went to the town of Nazareth. This is the village where he had lived when he was a child. On the Sabbath, he went to the place of worship. The leaders handed him a scroll with the messages of the prophet Isaiah. They wanted him to read from it. So Jesus opened up the scroll and read part of it to the people.

**the village where he had lived when he was a child** -

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, but Joseph and Mary were from Nazareth. They moved back to Nazareth when Jesus was a young boy and lived there after that.

**the place of worship** - This was not the main Temple in Jerusalem where the Jews offered sacrifices. There were smaller buildings in many towns where the Jews worshiped and prayed together every week. This was one of those places.

**a scroll** - A scroll was a long sheet of paper or leather that was rolled up and had writing on it.

**a scroll with the messages of the prophet Isaiah** - This was a copy of the scroll that Isaiah had written hundreds of years before.

