Ordinary Time: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Lead Story Headline:
Bringing Good News

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"After he had been in the desert for forty days, Jesus came back to Galilee filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. He taught in the synagogues, and people all around heard about him and said wonderful things about him. When he went to the town of Nazareth where he had grown up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day as he always did. He stood up to read, and the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Jesus opened the book and found the place where it says, ‘The Spirit of God is upon me. God has anointed me and sent me to bring Good News to the poor, to proclaim freedom to those who are oppressed by others, to give sight to the blind, and to announce a special time of blessing from God.’ Then Jesus closed the book, gave it back to the server and sat down. Everyone in the synagogue was looking at him. Jesus said to them, ‘What I have just read to you has come true right here and now, while you are listening.’"

This is the Good News of the Lord.


What Do You Think?

1. How can you bring the Good News to the poor?

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2. What do you think Jesus meant when he said "what I have just read to you has come true..."?

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By The Way:

Have you ever noticed that the symbol on many ambulances is a serpent twisted around a pole, just like in the story of the bronze serpent found in Numbers 21:1-9? It is there because it is the symbol of the healing profession.

Activity: Math Words
Jesus read words of the prophet Isaiah from a scroll (Luke 4:14-21). Isaiah described what God sent Jesus to do. Solve the math problems to fill in the missing words.

Check It Out:
God created a beautiful world that we live in. There are so many different animals for us to learn about. Some live here, and some live in other places all throughout the world. What’s your favourite animal? Ask an adult if you can click on the link below and play some of these animal games online so that you can learn more about God’s creation!
https://switchzoo.com

"Your law, O God, gives us happiness, gives us happiness and new life."
Psalm 19
Kingdom Builders: The Smallest of Seeds

Do you know what “kingdom builders” is about? Jesus said, “the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full grown, it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the ‘birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches’” (Matthew 13:31-32). You may think that you are too small to make a difference in God’s kingdom. But Jesus tells us that even the smallest of things can grow into large and important parts of the kingdom. You can help God’s kingdom come, and so can all the people you know. Here is a picture of some tiny mustard seeds and a large bush. Draw some birds in the nest. With a bright coloured marker or crayon, add the names of people who are part of God’s kingdom. Include your family and friends. Think of people you have heard about from around the world or lived before us as well. Say this prayer when you look at all the names: “Thank you, Jesus, for making me a part of God’s kingdom. I know that it is very large and welcomes many different people. Help me to remember that God wants all people to be a part of this kingdom.”