

# The Gospel at Home

## **This Week's Gospel:** **Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says he fulfills the words of the prophet Isaiah. He is chosen to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, and freedom to captives. Those who follow Jesus are called to continue his work of mercy, love, and acceptance.

## **Exploring the Gospel Message**

**Seeds (Preschool):** Your child learned that Jesus has Good News to tell and how he or she shares Good News with others in many ways. Take some time to drive or walk around your neighborhood. Look for signs of Good News in what you see in each house or building you pass. When you get back home, talk about how your family can be Good News for others.

**Promise (Grades K–1):** Your child learned that Jesus grew up in a real town with real neighbors. The class also learned the importance of their own neighborhood. Ask your son or daughter to teach the family to play the “I can be a good neighbor” game. Go with your child to deliver the “Good Neighbor Award” your child wrote in class.

**Good News (Grades 2–3):** Your child's class shared what is Good News for them and how they bring Good News to others. Talk about the Good News Jesus shared with his friends and neighbors—care for the poor, sight to the blind, freedom for those in slavery. Your child also learned about the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. Talk about ways to help one another be attentive to the readings at Mass. Ask your child to share the story “Birdie's Good News” with the family.

**Venture (Grades 4–6):** Ask your child to share with the family what he or she learned about the Gospel of Luke. The class also learned what is needed to build community. Talk about ways your family can be prophets, feed the hungry, and bring Good News to the poor. Set up a prayer place in your home. Decorate it with a Bible, candles, and maybe a statue or religious picture. Gather there for a morning and evening prayer during the week.

**Visions (Grades 7–8):** The class this week explored information about the Gospel writer named Luke. Ask your youngster to share what the class learned. The class also learned that Jesus acted as a Spirit-filled prophet when he read the words of Isaiah in his hometown synagogue. How can your family bring Good News to the poor? Look in your daily newspaper or online for stories about people who need to hear Jesus' words. Talk about their situations.

## **Pray Together**

When you complete your conversation about the week's Gospel lesson, make a family litany of people in your family, in your neighborhood, at work, at school, or in the world who need to experience the Good News. Take turns reading the names or the situations. All can respond by saying, “Lord, help us be Good News for (name).”