

Jesus Liked to Preach (I wrote this story)

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The building was called a synagogue.

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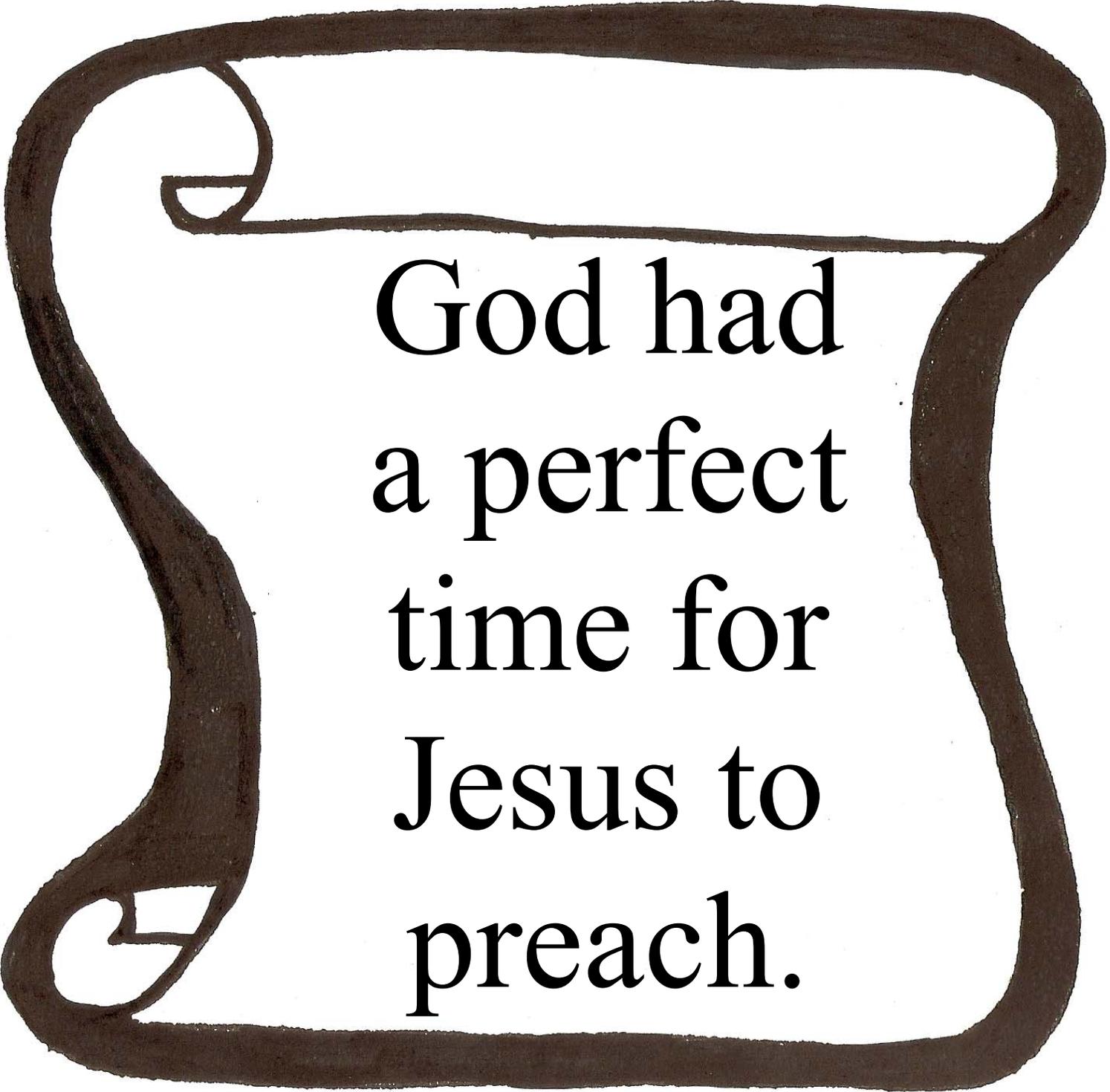
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Questions

1. Why were the children up early in our story? They were going to church
2. Were the children excited about church? Yes
3. When the children entered the church, were they still laughing? No they became very quiet. Just the same way we should be when we enter God's house
4. In our story, did the families sit together in the church? No, the fathers and boys sat on one side and the mothers and daughters sat on the other side
5. When everyone was seated in church, a man stood. Who was this man? Jesus
6. What did Jesus have in His hand? A scroll, God's Word
7. Do we bring God's Word to church with us? Yes, our Bibles
8. After Jesus read God's Word to the people, what did He do? He sat down and talked with the people
9. What did He tell the people? That the words in the Bible were about Him, that He was God's Son, and that He came to preach to poor people, sick people, and sad people. And to tell all of us that God really, really loves each of us.
10. Do you think that Jesus was a kind person? Yes, Jesus never sinned
11. Do you think that you would have enjoyed listening to Jesus preach and teach? I sure would

*“Hear instruction
and be wise”
Proverbs 8:33a*

Using various colors of construction paper; duplicate picture,
cut out, and glue onto bag.



God had
a perfect
time for
Jesus to
preach.



Let's read God's Word.

For this story, I made a large scroll to explain what a scroll was.

I used a large piece of white canvas and dowel rods.

Begin by measuring out the canvas fabric to the desired length and width.

Take a cup of hot tea and sprinkle around onto the canvas fabric. (This will give your scroll an old looking effect.)

Allow the canvas to dry completely.

Take the two dowel rods and lay on each of the short sides of the scroll.

Run glue along both short sides of the canvas. Be liberal with the glue. This will have to stand up for a long time if you keep your scroll for future lessons.

Place one dowel rod onto the canvas and begin to wrap the canvas around the dowel rod. Continue to roll until you reach the center of the canvas. Have someone hold this side while you roll the other. If no one is around, place a rubber band around the rolled side.

Now repeat the process on the opposite side.

When the two dowel rods meet in the middle, hold both sides firmly and wrap with ribbon around the scroll. Tie in a bow and allow to dry. (Raffia works well or some type of a ribbon with old looking beads at the ends would work well also.)

When the scroll dried, I wrote in Hebrew with a black permanent marker. Then I wrote the translation at the bottom in English (small)

I have attached a Hebrew saying that you can free hand onto your canvas. The kids love it.



Shalom (peace)

שלום

Psalm 33:11

“The plans of the Lord stand firm forever.”

עצת יהוה לעולם תעמד

Psalm 100:3

“It is he who made us,

הוא עשן

and we are his.”

ולא אנחנו

Scroll Craft

For this craft, you will need the following items: (Per Child)

4 Craft (clothes) pins (or dowel rods if you choose)

Masking Tape

1 - "The Church is God's Family" Duplicated Pattern Sheet

Glue

10" piece of ribbon or yarn

Place two of the craft pins together- flat sides touching. Wrap masking tape tightly around the two pins to form one long pin with a round end on both top and bottom. (See Sample Below)

On the pins, measure the area that is between the two rounded ends. Subtract 1" from the measured length

Cut the "The Church is God's Family" Pattern sheet down to this size.

Run glue along the two shortest ends of your pattern. Be liberal with the glue

Now place the two pins on top of the glue (centering the pins so that there is about the same distance between the top and bottom edges) Starting at one end, press the paper onto the roll and begin to roll the paper up over the pin. Keep a tight grasp on the paper, it can unroll easily. Keep rolling the paper over the pin until you reach the center of the scroll.

Have someone hold this end while you repeat the procedure for the opposite end.

When you reach the center and the two pins are touching, tie a ribbon around the scroll. Set aside to dry

When it is dry, you can untie the bow and roll the scroll open and shut. Tying is once again with the ribbon .



The Church Is
God's Family.



From Ephesians 2:19