



Sunday, January 30, 2022
When We Doubt *Luke 4:21-30



What's the Big Idea?

God's love can overcome our doubts

Anger and fear can make us think and do odd things. The crowd in today's story did not like the message that Jesus had to share. Jesus told the crowd gathered at the synagogue in Nazareth that God's love was for all people. The crowd thought Jesus included too many people in God's love and his message made them grumbly and doubtful. In fact, in our story today, it says, "Their grumbling grew to shouting. Their shouting turned to shoving. Their shoving turned to chasing Jesus out of the synagogue."



Maybe we're not that different from the people in today's story. The message that God's love is for all people was hard to hear then. It can be hard to hear today. But Jesus really meant it when he said that "God's way is love for all people!" When we doubt that God's love is for everyone, we can ask God to open our hearts and minds to see the world the way Jesus sees the world.

Read It

This week's story is a continuation of last week's story; find it on pages 252-253 of your Spark Story Bible.

Where do you see Squiggles this week?



Try It

- 1) Page through your Spark Story Bible and find pictures of people loving each other in God's name.

- 2) With a grown-up's help, go online and read more about John Newton, the man who wrote the hymn, Amazing Grace. This is a famous hymn that celebrates that God's love is for all people. There is even a film on YouTube you can watch to hear the full story of John Newton:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hdlZ8ykfwuw>

Talk About It

- 1) Are there people you would be shocked to see in our church? Why or why not?
- 2) What kind of people does God love?
- 3) Has there ever been a time when you have had a change of heart about someone?
- 4) Share about something that it is hard for you to understand right now. How could you pray for Jesus to help you have an open mind and heart about it?

Pray: Dear God, it's not always easy to get along with all people, let alone love all people. But you love everyone. Give us open hearts and minds to love as you love. Amen.

Memorize It

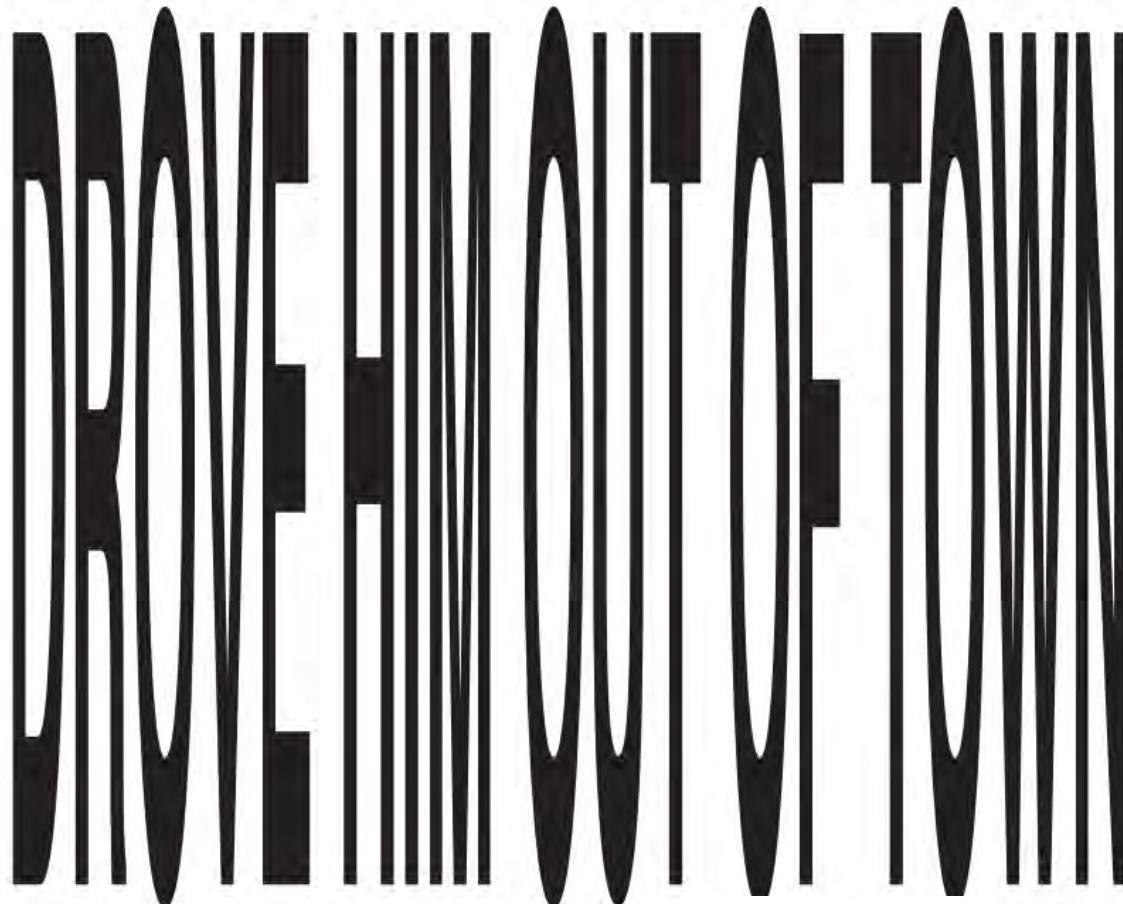
Challenge yourself to memorize last week's verse of the week again this week!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

Luke 4:18

God's Love Can Overcome Our Doubts

It's Hard to Go Home Jesus wasn't very well received when he went to teach at home. Solve this hidden message to find out what his neighbors and friends did to him. Hold your paper flat and very close to your face and you should be able to read the words. On a separate piece of paper, can you make a secret message of your own?



The people began to grumble. "Go away, Jesus!" Jesus went away from there, but he kept on telling people and showing people about God's love.

