

## Yr 2 Jesus' Ministry Begins Lesson, Matthew 4:12-17

**Opening Prayer:** Our Father, Отче Наш. *See Prayer Posters.* Find an audio version that the children can sing with [here](#).

**Gospel:** [Mt. 4:12-17](#) - Click Here to read the Gospel or [listen to it here](#):

**Lesson:** God keeps His promises

*Show the children the Bible.* It's a BIG book! But if we look closer there are lots of books inside it. Let them see the different titles. *If you have a Bible with tabs on it that would be helpful to help them understand this concept.* *Look at the Old Testament:* This part of the Bible is filled with promises from God! In it He promised that He would always be there for His people, that He would always love His people and especially that He would send a Saviour who would bring God's Kingdom! Imagine! 100s of years before Jesus came, God had told the people through the Holy Spirit all these things! The prophets were people who knew these things because they listened to the Holy Spirit in their heart and then wrote things down.

Let's read that part again:

*Many years before, the prophet Isaiah had said that in Galilee of the Gentiles, "the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light." This prophecy came true when Jesus, the Light of the World, went to Galilee. Then, the Gentiles could learn about Him.*

*In Galilee, Jesus began to teach people about God. His preaching sounded a lot like John's. Only, Jesus said, "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is here!"*

Jesus is the Light of the world because he helps people to "see" the kind of Kingdom that God is bringing. Let's talk about what Jesus is like. He is loving and forgiving, He brings peace and He welcomes all people. Jesus is the kingdom of God in who He is! So we know that God's Kingdom is a welcoming one of peace, love, and forgiveness - not power and money. How exciting that must have been for the people that loved and believed in Jesus! God's promise was coming true! This was the beginning of his ministry! God must love us so much! He kept His promises and sent Jesus!

Remember when we prayed at the beginning of the lesson? We said "Thy Kingdom come" Every time we pray this prayer we are welcoming this wonderful Kingdom!

**Craft:** God keeps His promises scroll. See Craft Sheet.

**In the Church:** Look around at all the icons of Jesus. In some He is performing miracles and in some He is preaching, in some He is looking at us and in some He is on the cross. What a wonderful gift of His Son our Saviour, that God has given us!