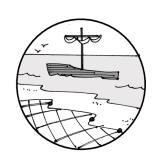


Lesson #2-C2* JESUS' MINISTRY BEGINS Mark 1:1-20



Key Verse:

[Jesus said] "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." Mark 1:15

The Point:

Jesus proclaims the kingdom of God is for everyone.

Unit Theme (December 31—January 14)

God's Kingdom Announced

GOD IN THE WORLD

Find evidence of the kingdom of God.

Supplies:

- † Internet-connected devices
- † Optional: newspapers

Instructions:

- 1. God was revealed in a new way in Jesus, and was revealed again and again as Jesus taught more about the kingdom. God is still revealed in our world.
- 2. Give each group a few sections of the newspaper or invite individuals to search news sites on the Internet.
- 3. Where do you see glimpses of God's kingdom? Where might God be at work?

- We are going to look at these news sources and then talk about places where we see God.
- 4. Allow each person in your group to choose a news story or picture where God might be at work. Invite them to lead a prayer of thanksgiving for God's presence and a prayer for God's help if that is needed. If that person is uncomfortable leading the prayer, someone else may do it, or you may have a moment of silence.