

**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?**
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.**

**We are going to look at these news sources and then talk about places where we see God.**

\*Our curriculum products, including this Cross+Gen Education curriculum combines the readings for 12/31 and 1/7 into an extended lesson: Lesson #2-17 (Extended).