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Today this scripture is being fulfilled.

Jesus returned to Galilee with the power of the Spirit. News about him spread everywhere. He taught in the Jewish meeting places, and everyone praised him. Jesus went back t Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and as usual he went to the meeting place on the Sabbath. When he stood up to read from the Scriptures, he was given the book of Isaiah the prophet. He opened it and read,

"The Lord's Spirit has come to me, because he has chosen me to tell the good news to the poor. The Lord has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners, to give sight to the blind, to free everyone who suffers, and to say, 'This is the year the Lord has chosen.'

Jesus closed the book, then handed it back to the man in charge and sat down. Everyone in the meeting place looked straight at Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "What you have just heard me read has come true today."



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Jesus was a promise to the world

Introduction

- In the Old Testament, the time in the bible before Jesus was born, there were prophecies about Jesus.
- God would pick people to speak to and tell them of his plans, these people were called the Prophets and the messages God told them to share are called 'prophecies'.

Message

- Sometimes these prophecies were about promises that God makes to his people.
- God promised that he would send a saviour, his son, who would save all humankind.
- Through his life, his death and his resurrection, Jesus bridged the gap between heaven and earth and made a way for us to be with God in heaven - this is the amazing news that Jesus shares in the Gospel today.
- Throughout his life, Jesus taught us about the great love God has for his people. This love is another of God great promises to us.
- God has promised to love us, to be with us and to welcome us into his kingdom.

Discussion

- Can you name any prophets?
- What prophecies do you know of from the Old Testament?
- What is special about a prophet?
- What are some of Gods promises?
- What can we promise God?

