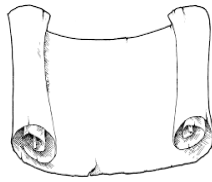


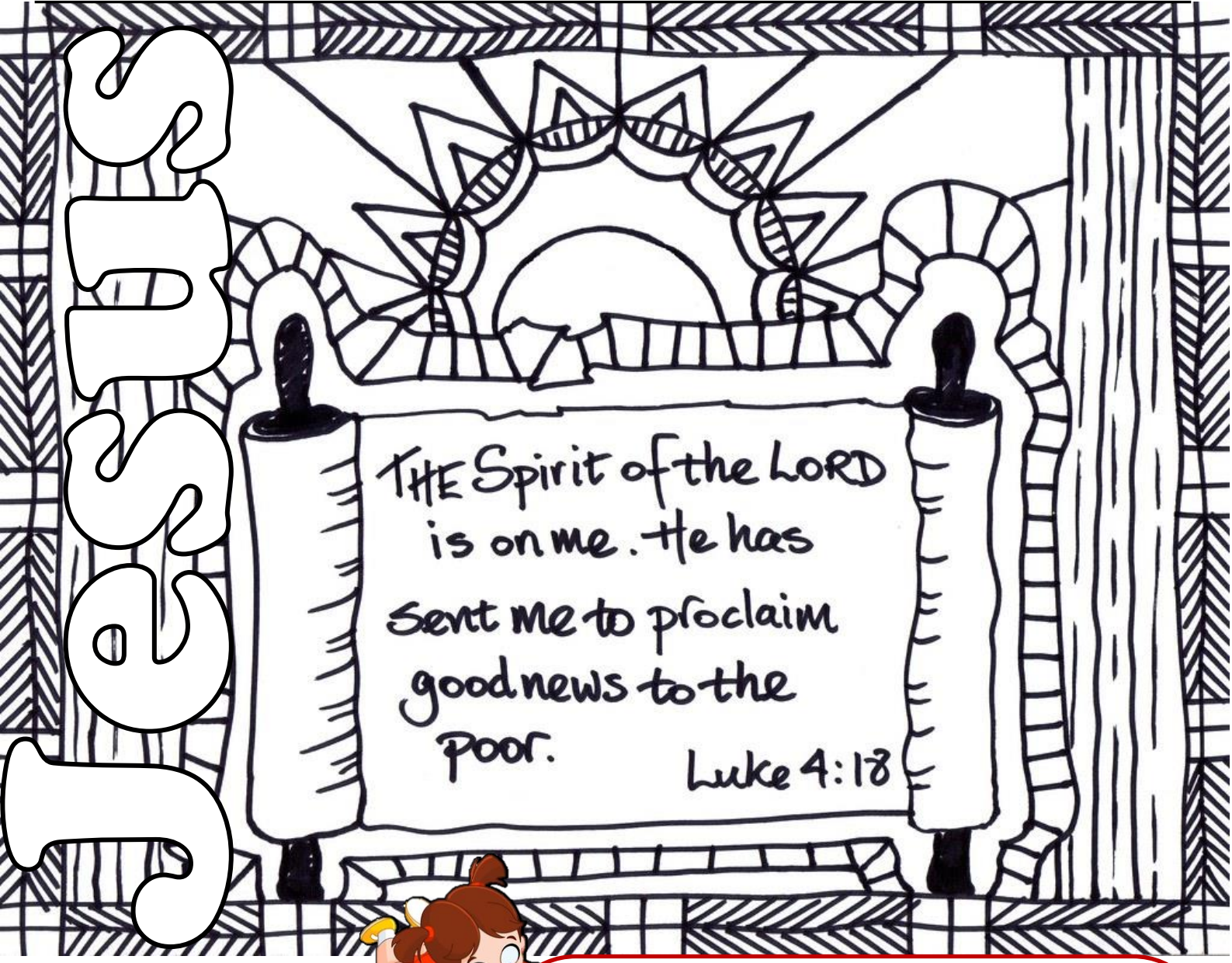
# Tonight's

The words of Isaiah would have been written originally on a scroll of parchment. There's a scroll somewhere on every page of the worksheet: see if you can find the scroll which is hidden on every page!



**passage** – Isaiah 61.<sup>1-3</sup>

**theme** – **Good News!**



When Jesus preached in Nazareth, the Bible in those days was written on scrolls of parchment like the one you see below: try drawing a scroll of parchment in the box alongside – it's been started for you!



Read  
**Isaiah 61**  
verses 1-7

# Jesus preaching

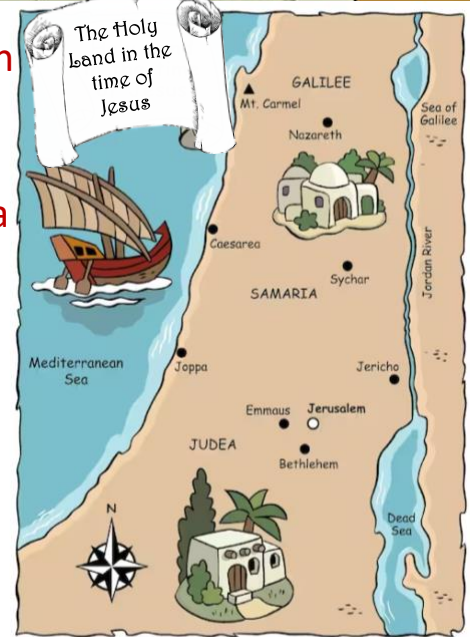
The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn



Jesus' "home" town was Nazareth – can you spot where it is on the map? Draw a circle round it

That was where He preached His first sermon: the verses in the Bible He read were these ones – **Isaiah 61**



Jesus explained that these verses were all about **Him** and what He had come to do.

Look carefully at the passage alongside and see which verb (a 'doing' word) appears 3 times in the verses here.

Write your answer in the box below.

\_\_\_\_\_

## Jesus the preacher

Jesus was called 'the Word', partly because a large part of what He spent His time doing was using words and preaching the message. "Jesus said, 'Let us go .. to the nearby villages so that I can **preach** there also. That is why I have come.' .." (Mark 1.38)



# Jesus' message

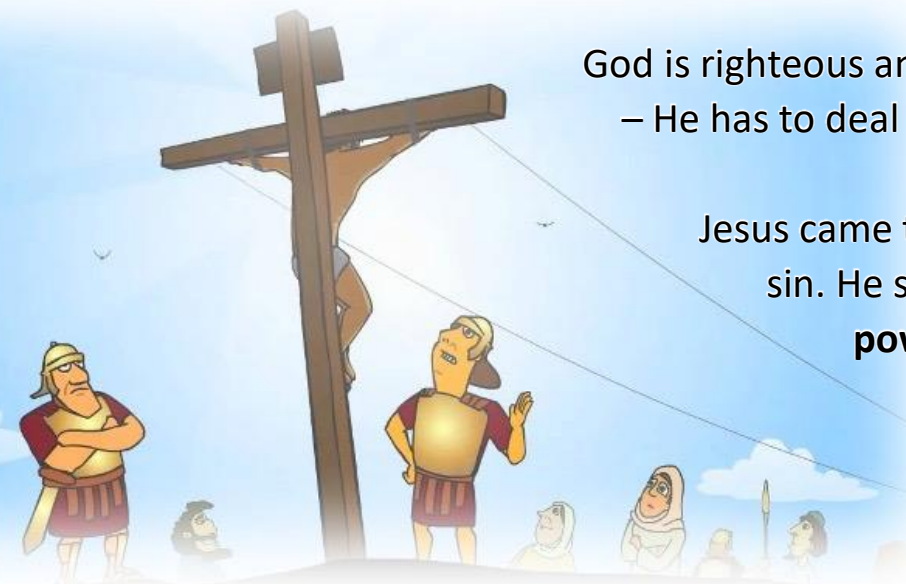
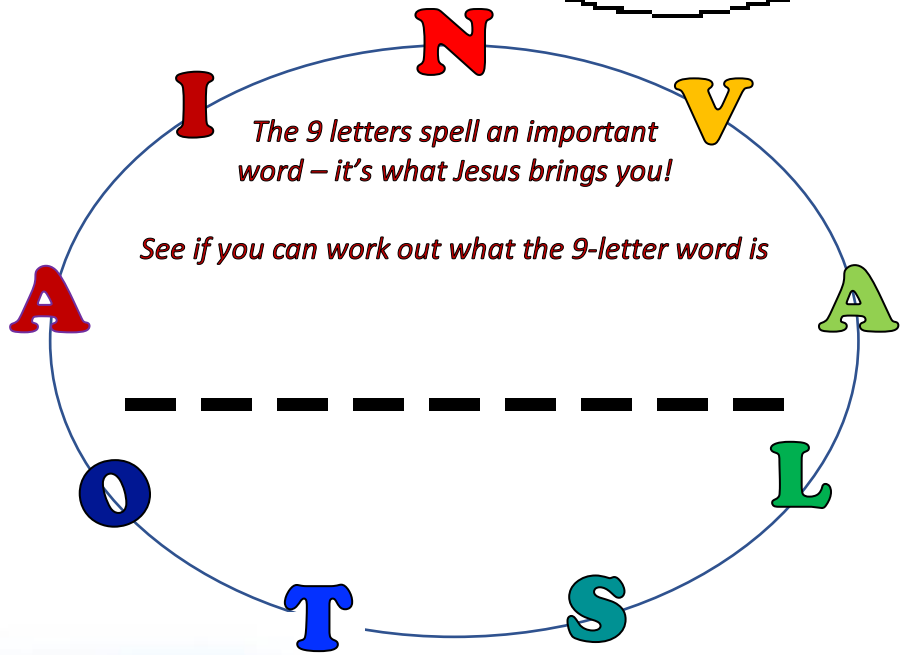


Have another look at the passage  
← on the page opposite.

The verses from Isaiah 61 speak about 'good news'.

See if you can use the coloured letters to fill in the blanks below: they make up 5 words which together help explain what the good news is which Jesus brings.

**B \_ ND UP**  
**FREED \_ M**  
**RE \_ EA \_ E**  
**F \_ VOUR**  
**\_ E \_ GE \_ NCE**  
**COMFOR \_**



God is righteous and so He can't simply ignore our sin – He has to deal with it in a righteous manner.

Jesus came to bear God's punishment on our sin. He sets us free from the **guilt** and the **power** of sin.

It means we get a new start and are made new people, part of God's family now!



Read  
**Isaiah 61**  
verse 3

# the effect

<sup>3</sup> .. and provide for those who grieve in Zion – to bestow on them a crown of beauty **instead of** ashes, the oil of joy **instead of** mourning, and a garment of praise **instead of** a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendour.

## Jesus makes a difference!

Jesus changes everything – that’s what makes Him ‘good news’!

Look at how, 3 times in these verses, the phrase “instead of ..” is used.

3 different ways of describing the change are given here. See if you can ‘pair off’ the pictures below, to show how one is now instead of the other for those who trust in Jesus.



## Oaks of righteousness

Oaks are strong, long-living trees. Jesus ‘plants’ His people: He makes us grow strong and keeps us going, even through the toughest times.

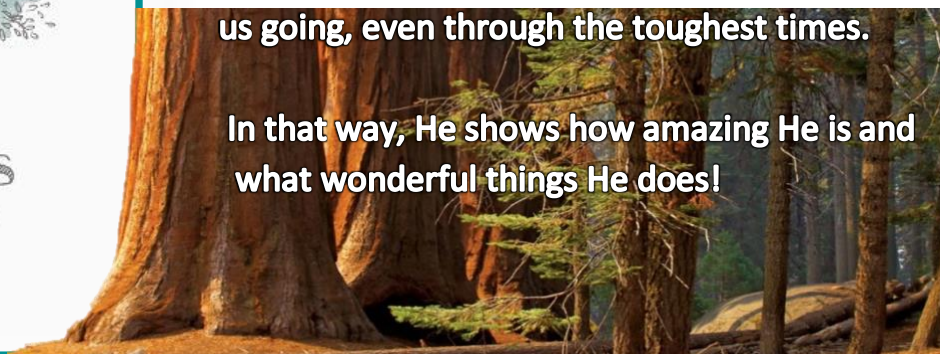
In that way, He shows how amazing He is and what wonderful things He does!

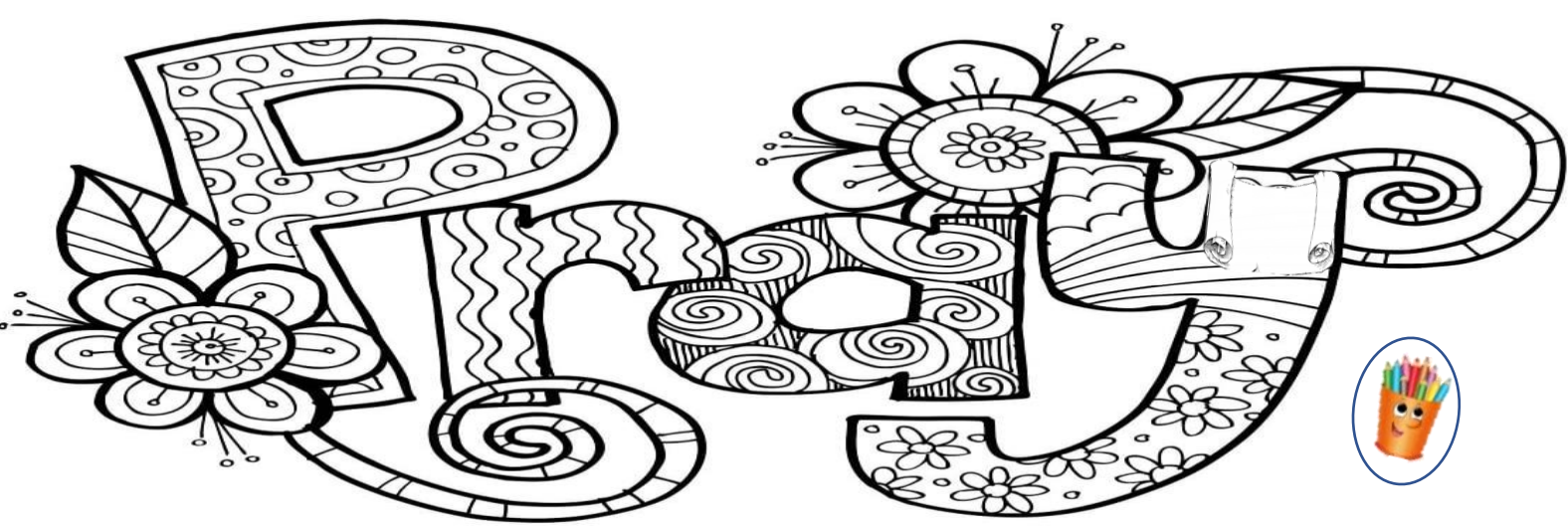
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**RIGHTEOUSNESS**  
A PLANTING OF THE LORD  
FOR THE DISPLAY OF HIS  
**SPLENDOR**

ISAIAH 61:3





*Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.*

*Speak to God about what you've learned: if you want, use this prayer to help you*

Lord Jesus, thank You that You make everything better!

I'm glad that You came to tell people good news – and not just to *tell* them but to *be* the good news for them.

Thank You that You paid the price of my sin and wrongdoing when You died on the cross. It's amazing to think that You love me enough to have done that for me – and for all who trust in You.

Thank You, too, for all the people who tell me about You and who teach me about what You have done. Please help them all the time so that lots more people can hear all about You.

I want all my friends to hear about You, too, so please help me to have the courage to speak to them about You – and to know what to say as well!



Thank You, Jesus, for everything! You're the best!

# Today's verse for you to try and remember!

**".. a planting of the  
Lord for the display  
of His splendour"**

Isaiah 61.<sup>3</sup>



# A WORDSEARCH ...

try this wordsearch from Luke 4.16-21 which tells how Jesus preached from Isaiah 61 in Nazareth

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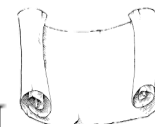
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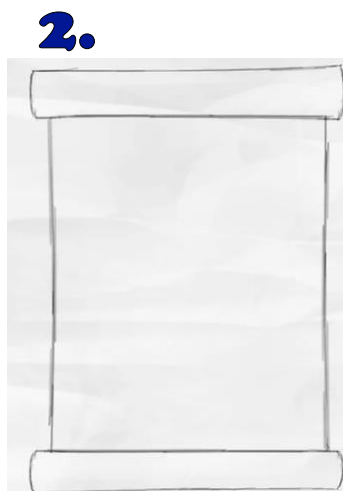
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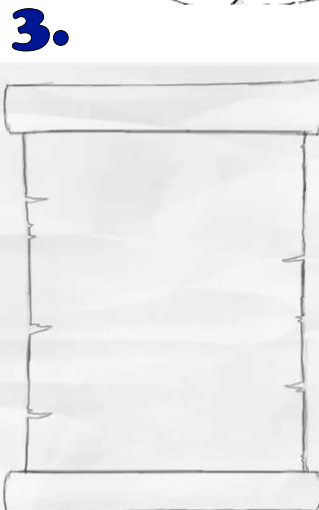
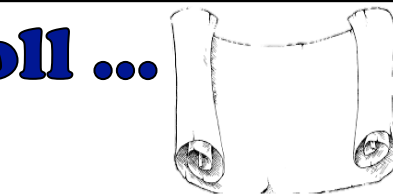
## How to draw a scroll ...



**1.**  
Draw a rectangle.



**2.**  
Draw a cylinder  
top and bottom.



**3.**  
Make little 'slits'  
in the sides.



**4.**  
Make a nice design  
at both ends of the two  
cylinders.

