

## SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: EPIPHANY 3C

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### CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

#### MAIN POINT

**Anointed to proclaim good news.**

#### SCRIPTURE FOCUS

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.  
(Luke 4:18)

#### ADDRESS

Today we have heard Jesus reading God's Word to the people in the special place where people gathered to learn about God. It was a little like this building but it was called a synagogue.

Jesus read these words: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor." After he had finished reading he explained to the people that this is what he had come to do.

Jesus read some big words. Like, 'anointed' and 'proclaim' - do you know what these words mean? To be 'anointed' means to be chosen by God to do a special job for God! Anointing is to be made special by applying oil or something similar. It sometimes happens during baptism or healing prayer. God sent his Son Jesus to do a very special job! And that special job was to tell people the good news that God loves us and is with us always. To proclaim is like 'telling' something.

Did you know that everyone who is baptised has been anointed by God to share God's good news with other people too! Are you baptised? If you are, God has already joined you to Jesus. He has chosen you to do a very special job: to go and tell others the good news that God loves us and is with us always!

#### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for making us part of your body. Help us to work together to share your good news with everyone we meet. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home*, *Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

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