



# Shine



**30TH JANUARY 2022**

4TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME



**SCRIPTURE**  
LUKE 4:21-30



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“Truly I tell you” Jesus continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.



## Reflection

This scripture can help us understand what it can be like sometimes when we share about God. When Jesus was in the synagogue, He told people that he was the son of God, the people were offended and got angry with Jesus.

There can be times when we want to share the Good News and we don't get the response we are expecting. One thing we can do when we tell people about Jesus, is to make sure it is done with a good heart. We can tell people why we believe, what makes us trust God and go from there. Often we can find that people enjoy listening to stories of faith.

You may even find that actions speak louder than words, so why not try to live like Jesus did and be an example for others.

# ACTIVITY

## Journey of Faith

Reflect on your own faith story, how could you share it with someone else?

You could make a mind map of the things that make faith important to you or the events that have shaped your journey with God.

Then, when someone asks you about Jesus or your faith, you'll have something to tell them!



## Prayer

Dear God,  
Thank you for being a loving father who wants the best for me.

Give me strength and courage to go out into the world proclaiming the good news you bestowed on us.

Guide me in my conversations with others and help me spread your word with confidence.

Bless me with the holy spirit and walk with me every day.  
Amen.

## CHALLENGE

Who can you tell about Jesus this week?

It could be someone you know or even someone new!

Just remember to ask the holy spirit to help give you confidence to do so!

