

## Lesson 112: News About Jesus Spreads

[Matthew 4:12-25](#)

**Youtube Link for Teachers:** <https://youtu.be/ma26wQXsi78>

**Children's Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/jJHh1T7SB0I>

**Worship Theme:** Jesus draws us to himself.

**Memory Verse:** "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. If You Are Happy and You Know It <https://youtu.be/SsldqdB-9U>
2. Making Melody In My Heart <https://youtu.be/1th9e8PKFxs>
3. Good News [https://youtu.be/rG4H\\_Te6q90](https://youtu.be/rG4H_Te6q90)

### Pray

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

### Icebreaker: "Draw Them In"



1. Draw a circle in the middle of the classroom.
2. Select 1 child to be in the circle and all the other children stand outside of the circle.
3. The person in the circle cannot go outside of the circle. Their job is to draw other children into the circle by pulling them in.
4. Whenever a child is pulled into the circle, they help pull other children into the circle as well.
5. The game can be over when all the children are inside the circle.
6. After the game, explain to the children that there are people who draw us in like we pulled our friends into the circle. The bible teaches us today that Jesus draws us to himself!

### Introduction:

What kind of people do you like to hang out with? Do people who are mean draw you to them? Or do people who are kind draw you to them? In the bible, there was one person who drew everyone to him. This means everyone wanted to come to him and stay with him. Let's learn about this special person today!

### Bible Story:

One day Jesus went to the synagogue. That's where the Jewish people went to worship God. At the synagogue, many people wanted to learn more about God. Jesus is God, so he was able to answer all their questions. We say that Jesus drew people to himself because he was a good teacher. That means that people liked what Jesus said so much that they were eager to listen to him.

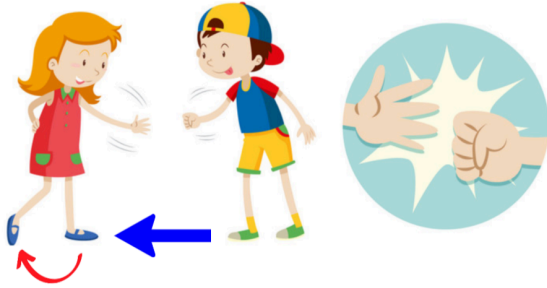
Later that day, Jesus hiked into the countryside. There he preached to the people about how to live and how to know God. Jesus was drawing people. The people wanted to hear the good news. Later that same day, Jesus drew large crowds of people who were sick or hurt. Jesus healed the sick people and made them feel better. The news about Jesus spread to more people.

When Jesus lived on earth, he drew people to himself by loving them. He taught them, preached the truth about the way to heaven, and healed them. Jesus still draws people to him today, and he uses us to help spread the news about him. When we share our own stories of Jesus in our lives, we help draw people to him. We love Jesus because he loved us first!

### Questions to discuss:

1. Why was Jesus able to answer questions about God? (because Jesus is God)
2. What are the three things that Jesus did that drew people to himself? (preach, teach, and heal)
3. How can we draw people to Jesus? (by sharing our own stories of Jesus)
4. Who do you want to share Jesus to? (let the children answer)

### Game: "Spread Your Legs"



1. Ask two children to find a partner and stand facing each other and their feet touching each other.
2. Then they play rock paper scissors and the child who wins will take one step back. The loser will use only one leg to touch the winner's foot by spreading their legs.
3. In the next round, if the loser wins, then they will put both feet together and the other child will

now need to spread their leg to touch the new winner.

4. Play this until they can no longer spread their leg to touch their partner.
5. After the game, explain to the children that God has the power to draw our hearts to him and he will never fail.

### Memory Verse:

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

### Craft: "Rainbow Flowers"

Materials Needed: Print craft sheet, rainbow color papers, scissors, glue, crayon



1. Cut circles for each rainbow color and fold it in half.
2. Glue the folded circles on a printed craft sheet in the shape of a flower and color the stem and leaf.
3. Give to someone they want to



draw into God.

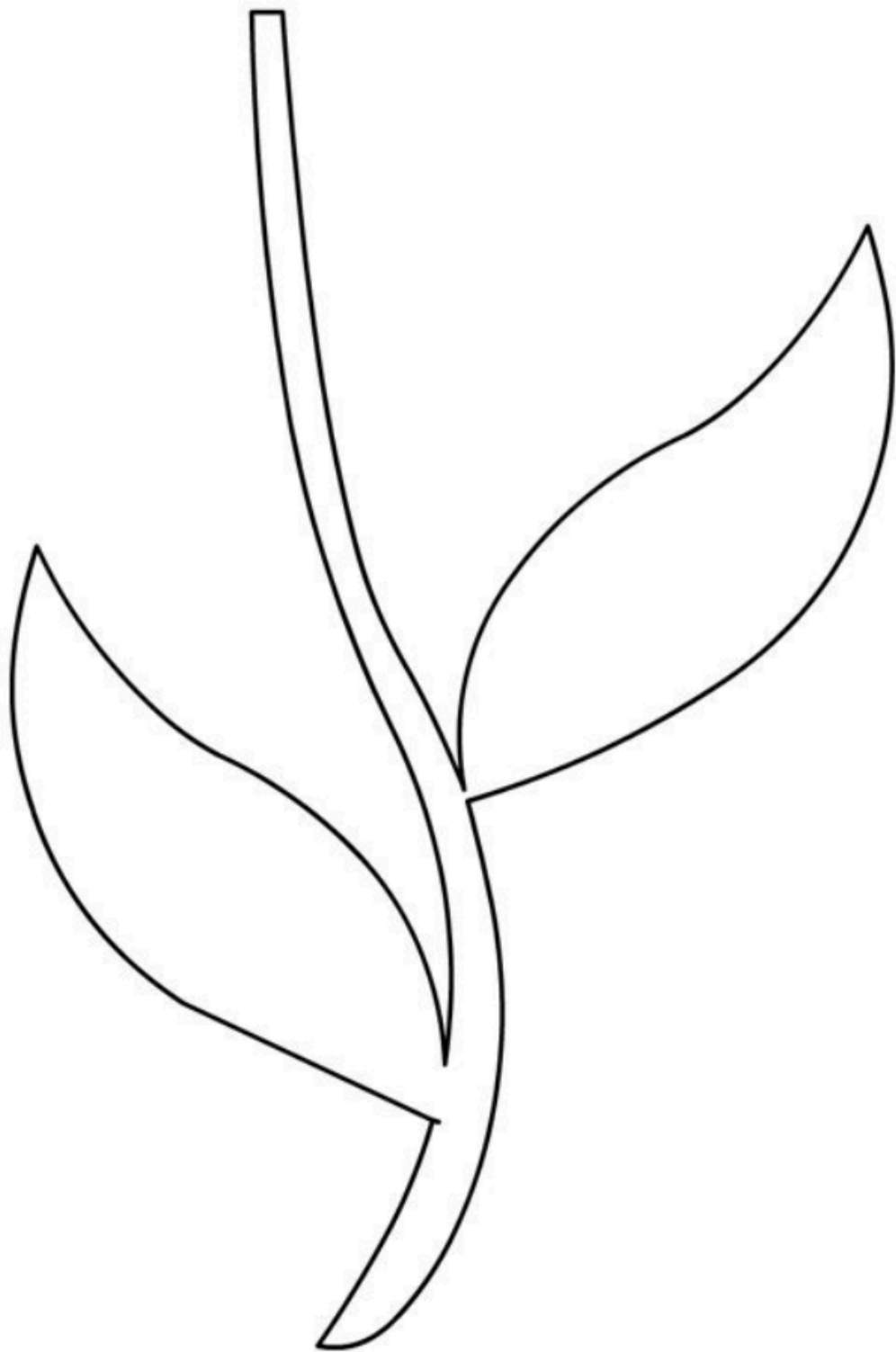
**Song:** Select songs from the list above

### Pray

**Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)**

You find meaning and purpose in your life by obeying your calling. Reread Matthew 4:12- 25. How do you use your "leader" role to advance Jesus' strategy of ministry? What skills do you want to develop to be more effective? What a blessing that God uses ordinary people to do amazing things!

# “Rainbow Flowers”



**Jesus Loves You!**