

# YEAR 5 – MISSION – REVEAL

Dioceses continue the work and mission of Jesus including ecumenism

## Jesus' Mission:

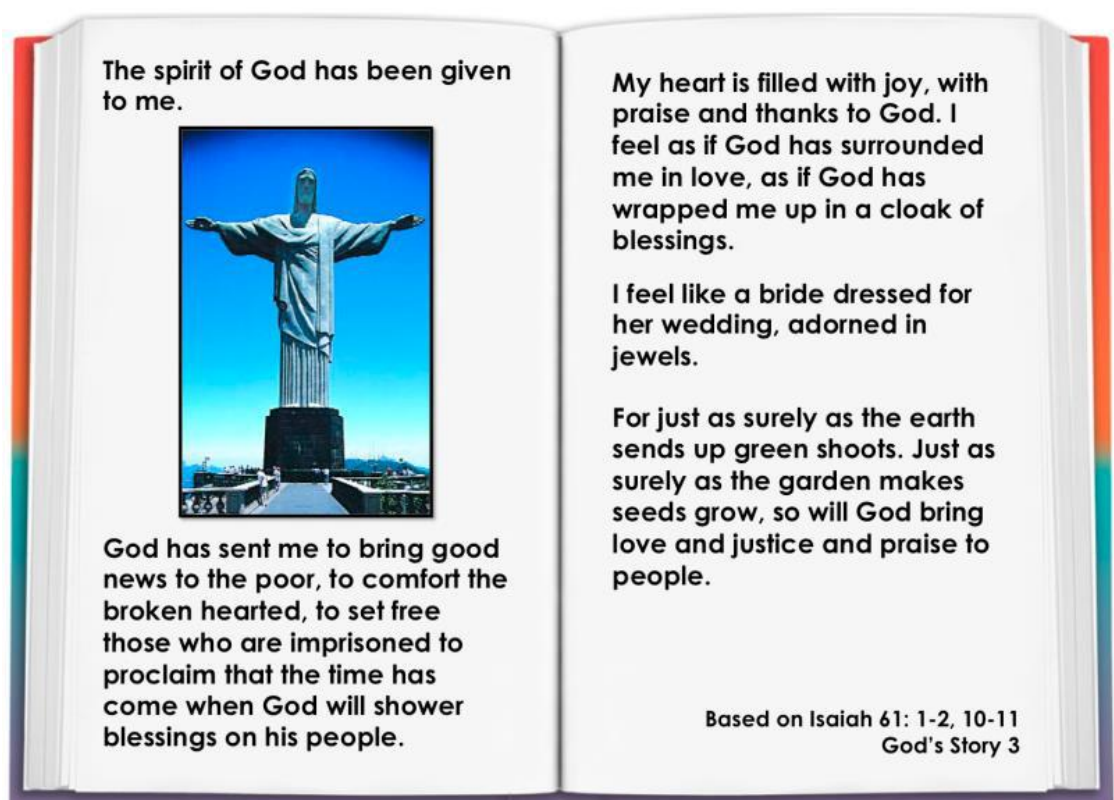
In the Gospels, we read about Jesus' mission. 'Gospel' means 'Good News'. The Good News Jesus came to make known is that God loves each of us and that living in God's Way brings love, justice and peace for the entire world.

In his Gospel, Luke shows us how Jesus chooses God's way and begins his mission. He not only preached the Good News through His words, but He powerfully demonstrated the Good News through His actions. Jesus particularly delighted in doing this among the poor, the weak, the hurting and the rejected in society. He started this when he was about 30 years old. Jesus did not carry out his mission on his own, he called people to be with him and they were inspired to work with him. He travelled through towns and villages preaching and proclaiming the Good News. He chose twelve people to be his apostles and share his mission. The twelve apostles and some women went with him.

When Jesus started his mission, he attended the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth. He was given the privilege of reading from the scripture and selected a reading from the prophet Isaiah. This reading became the basis of his mission during his teaching and preaching.

*Read the passage and talk about the questions below:*

- Why was the Spirit of God given to Jesus?
- How does Isaiah describe God's love?
- How do you think the people felt as they listened to those words?
- Who are the people mentioned by Isaiah?
- Why did he select those people in particular?
- Where do you think we see these people today?



## Activities:

Explore the text of the hymn by John Burland's song, *Called to Change the World* (below).

Write a short paragraph which explains the links between both the words from the hymn and the message of Isaiah and say how this mission can be lived out today.

### ***Called to Change the World:***

#### *Verse 1*

We've gathered in your name  
Our hearts won't be the same  
We've heard your Word  
A fire starts  
It's time for us to go  
United hand in hand  
Together we will stand  
One people, one body,  
Called to change the world...

#### *Chorus*

Showing love for all to see  
Walk by faith so we can be  
The hands and feet of Jesus,  
a witness in His name.  
Bringing peace to every heart  
Giving hope for a new start

The hands and feet of Jesus,  
a witness in His name.  
Just like Jesus sent them out so long ago  
Go into the world and tell the Good News

#### *Verse 2*

To every land we'll go  
To let all people know  
God's love is there  
For everyone  
Just open up your heart  
The Spirit guides the way  
With courage for each day  
One people, one body,  
Called to change the world...

*John Burland*

## Or

Create a 'wanted' poster to attract suitable people to share Jesus' mission. Indicate how they might be inspired to do this and give reasons for your choices and try to make links with any other scripture passages you have read.