

## **You've Got Trouble!**

Based on Luke 4:16-20

"You've got trouble, my friends; terrible, terrible trouble!"

That's what someone says to the people in a very nice town in a musical play.

"You've got trouble ... terrible, terrible trouble."

Sometimes I know that I "got," I have trouble.

*How about you guys? Do you ever feel like you've "got trouble?"*

I'll bet that you do. And sometimes I get myself right into the trouble!

*Do you ever do that? Get yourself into trouble?*

Sometimes I say something or I don't do something I should and it really isn't right or good and I get myself right into trouble. And then, we know there are some really big troubles also, as when people don't have enough to eat, or a safe place to live, or when there are things that just aren't very fair at all.

Well, thank Goodness that we have God on our side and God loves us, every single one of us!  
We call that Good News!

Jesus said this to some of his hometown neighbors:

"God's spirit is on me; God has chosen me to preach the message of good news to the poor. God sent me to set the burdened and the battered free. And to tell everybody that it is time to celebrate, the year of God's favor, the year God will act!"

That means that God is going to help us with all of our troubles, no matter what they are!

God loves us, every special one of us, and God says, "It's time to celebrate and I will set you free!"

We don't just have troubles then; we have freedom given us from God so that we can be full of joy and love and grace! Wow!

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