



Jesus as a Baby (Luke 2:21-39) – Jesus' Life Before Ministry #1

Sunday, January 11, 2026

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. Luke 2:52 NKJV

Jesus became human so we can know God

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. Luke 2:21 NKJV

Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord Luke 2:22 NKJV

(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) Luke 2:23 NKJV

and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” Luke 2:24 NKJV

‘And if she is not able to bring a lamb, then she may bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons—one as a burnt offering and the other as a sin offering. So the priest shall make atonement for her, and she will be clean.’ Leviticus 12:8 NKJV

People who know God recognize Jesus

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. Luke 2:25 NKJV

And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Luke 2:26 NKJV

So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, Luke 2:27 NKJV

he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: Luke 2:28 NKJV

"Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; Luke 2:29 NKJV

For my eyes have seen Your salvation Luke 2:30 NKJV

Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, Luke 2:31 NKJV

A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." Luke 2:32 NKJV

Jesus reveals who does & doesn't know God

Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against Luke 2:34 NKJV

(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." Luke 2:35 NKJV

He will be as a sanctuary, But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense To both the houses of Israel, As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Isaiah 8:14 NKJV

And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind." John 9:39 NKJV

This Week's Gospel of Luke Reading Plan:

January 11 - Luke 10 + Luke 2:21-40

January 12 - Luke 11 + Luke 2:21-40

January 13 - Luke 12 + Luke 2:21-40

January 14 - Pray & Reflect

January 15 - Luke 13 + Luke 2:21-40

January 16 - Luke 14 + Luke 2:21-40

January 17 - Luke 15 + Luke 2:21-40

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NURSERY

JESUS HELPS SICK PEOPLE

THE PARALYZED MAN

In this series, we learn that Jesus helps sick people through the story of the paralyzed man. We learn that he has compassion for people who are sick, but can make us physically and spiritually whole

Memory Verse: Jesus Helps Us All. Matthew 11:28 (Adapted for Toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus Helps Sick People Because He Loves Them

Parent Connect: This week, help your toddler think of someone they know who is sick. Take the craft out that your toddler made and help them give that to the sick person they thought of. Help your toddler say, "I love you and Jesus loves you too!" to the person who is sick.

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EARLY LIFE OF JESUS

In this Series, we will go through the life of Jesus following his birth. We learn about His departure from Egypt, His return to Nazareth and His teaching at the temple as a kid. We also learn about Jesus' baptism and how He was tempted, how Jesus called his disciples and His first miracle!

Memory Verse: "Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people." Luke 2:52

Heart of the Lesson: Say Yes to God and No to Satan's tricks | Matthew 3-4

Parent Connect: Today we learned about a special event that started off Jesus' ministry... He was baptized by John the Baptist. Jesus was also tempted by Satan after this. Think of some good and bad choices with your kid. Say them each out loud and give either a thumbs up if it is a good choice or thumbs down if it's a bad choice.

ELEMENTARY

SETTING THE STAGE

THE BOOK OF LUKE

This year we are walking through the book of Luke using various movie themes to group the stories into series. In our first series, we will set the stage with some facts about the gospel of Luke as well as the start of Jesus' ministry.

Memory Verse: Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people. Luke 2:52

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus was a kid AND knew He was God's Son | Luke 2:40-52

Parent Connect:

- **Read:** Luke 2:21-40
- **Talk:** Simeon and Anna waited their whole lives for Jesus. What is something hard to wait for?
- **Do:** Act out waiting impatiently and patiently together. Kids pretend to be the grownups and the grownups pretend to be kids