

# Luke 1:1-25

## Get Ready for Jesus!

**Scripture:** Luke 1:1-25

**Memory Verse:** Luke 1:17 *“He will...make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”*

**Lesson Focus:** As we begin the book of Luke, we want to whet the appetites of the kids a little bit just like a movie teaser trailer does. This passage begins to set the stage for the promised and anticipated Messiah and Savior of the world. John the Baptist goes before Jesus to **get people ready** for Him just like a teaser trailer goes before a movie to get people ready for its future release. We hope this lesson will get the kids hearts ready for Jesus!

**Activities and Crafts:** Coloring Picture of baby John, Word Search of different terms from lesson, Bring it Home Sheet for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Craft for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Gospel ABCs Door Hanger

**Starter Activity:** Movie Previews

We will keep all of the kids in the Summit Room immediately after worship for a quick video. We will watch [the official “teaser trailer” of the original Lego movie](#) that came out several years ago. First, we’ll ask a few Qs about movie previews:

Q: How many of you guys like to go to the movies? \*

Q: Before the movie starts, what do they show on the big screen? A: Movie previews or “teaser trailers”.

Q: Why do they show you these previews? A: To **“get you ready”** and excited for the upcoming full movie!

[SHOW THE VIDEO]

How many of you want to watch or re-watch this movie now! Previews like this generate interest and excitement for the movie. And no surprise as that is what they are designed to do!

We are starting a new book of the Bible today, the book of Luke, also known as the gospel of Luke. It is called the gospel, because it is all about Jesus and the **good news** of His coming to rescue the world! \*

But what we will read today is more of a “preview”. If Jesus is like the “full film”, the “preview” that we will read today is that God sends someone before Jesus to “get us ready” and excited about Him. Let’s take a look! (**Teachers:** At this point we will dismiss the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes to their rooms)

## Bible Study:

**Luke 1:1-3:** This is the beginning of Luke's account of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is very important to notice that Luke does not begin His account with "Once Upon a Time".

Q: What kind of story begins with "Once Upon a Time"? A: A fairy tale! A story that is not about REAL people and REAL places (like the Lego movie!).

Boys and Girls: Luke was a REAL person (a doctor) \* who wrote down VERY CAREFULLY (v. 3) the details of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection!

Q: Luke talks about eyewitnesses. What is an eyewitness?

A: Someone who was there and who saw what happened. \*

**Luke 1:4:** Here is why Luke wrote his account: So that you may be CERTAIN that it is true!

Q: What does it mean to be CERTAIN about something? \*

A: It means you are absolutely SURE of its truth and can TRUST in it! (Teachers: Consider giving the kids a simple quiz and have them tell you whether they are CERTAIN that it is true. For example: 2+2=4, tomorrow it will rain, I have 10 fingers)

Luke wants you to be just as CERTAIN about Jesus and all He did and said! \*

Teachers: Consider first reading **Luke 1:5-25** straight through. See the pictures of the characters and places (taken from Superbook: Herod, Zechariah, Elizabeth, Gabriel, John the Baptist, and the Temple) that we provided. \* These pictures might help you reinforce that these are REAL people and places and not fairy tales! Perhaps have volunteers hold these pictures up for you as you read. After reading all the way through, then come back and go deeper through the individual sections.

**Luke 1:5-7:** Notice that Luke gives REAL details here.

Q: Who are some of the REAL people that Luke mentions here? Teachers: As you work through each character with the kids, bring out the picture and talk about the character a little bit. Consider asking the kids how the text described them. (i.e. Herod was the ruler of the land, Zacharias was a priest, Elizabeth had no children, etc.)

**Luke 1:8-10:** Now we get some details about a REAL place: the temple.

Q: Where did it say Zacharias went? A: Into the temple. This was the center of worship for all of God's people during the time of Jesus. Teachers: Consider showing the picture of the temple as you teach through these verses.

**Luke 1:11-13:** Now our last two characters enter the text: the angel Gabriel and baby John the Baptist. Teachers: See the pictures included.

Q: What did the angel tell Zacharias and Elizabeth they were going to have?

A: A baby boy! They are old and have prayed for this and the Lord is finally answering! God answered their prayer even though they were old and beyond child-bearing years!

Q: Is anything too hard for God? A: NOPE!

**Luke 1:14-16:** God has a special mission and job for this little boy when he grows up! This last verse says that he will TURN many people back to the Lord their God. For hundreds of years, the people of the Old Testament who were God's special people had ignored and rejected God and His word. But when baby John grows up, God would use him to get their attention and turn their hearts back toward Himself. The big Bible word for this is: REPENTANCE. \* This is the first step in the ABCs of salvation (ADMIT to God you are a sinner and REPENT)

**Teachers:** Consider calling on a volunteer to demonstrate what this job looks like. Have the child stand next to you but then have him/her slowly walk away from you with his/her back turned to you. At some point shout to them: STOP! TURN AROUND! COME BACK! God used people like John and the prophets to urge people to REPENT. \*

This boy would be known as John the Baptist. \* John taught the people to TURN back to God and to get baptized to show that their repentance was real. We are proclaiming a very similar thing when we get baptized.

Q: How many of you have been baptized? \*

**Luke 1:17:** Notice the last part of this verse. It says that John the Baptist will “make ready” a people prepared for the Lord. God wants people to GET READY and excited for what He will do! As **John 3:16** says, God was GETTING READY to GIVE His only Son so that people would TURN to Him, be forgiven and rescued from their sins, and become HIS people! Jesus was about to be born into the world! The Son of God was coming! God was sending John the Baptist as the “preview” to the “full feature film” of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection!

**Key Point:** Let's close by referring back to the preview that we watched at the beginning. Here are some quotes from this preview. For example:

1) *“In 2014 the world's greatest heroes will join forces for the biggest movie ever”*

But to preview the REAL story of Jesus, it would sound more like this:

***“2000 years ago, the only REAL superhero appeared for the biggest sacrifice ever”***

Or here is another quote from the Lego movie preview:

2) *“There is one hope: The ‘special’ has arisen” \**

Again, to preview the REAL story of Jesus, it might sound more like this:

***“There is one hope: Jesus has come to seek and to save the lost”***

And finally, one more quote from the Lego movie preview:

3) *“The fate of the world is in his tiny yellow hands”*

To preview the REAL story of Jesus, it might sound more like this:

***“The fate of the world (and your eternal destiny) is in His pierced hands” \****

**Boys and Girls:** “GET READY” and get excited to learn more about Jesus! \* We like movies like the Lego movie, because we love stories about heroes and good defeating evil. Well, Jesus is the only REAL hero Who saved the REAL world and defeated REAL evil! He is ready to rescue you! Are you ready to respond?

# BRING IT HOME

Read Luke 1:4  
Why did Luke write this  
book of the Bible?

*Parent Signature:*  
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*Parent Challenge:*  
Who were John the  
Baptist's parents?

Read Luke 1:16  
What was John the  
Baptist appointed to  
do?

