



Jesus is Baptized (Luke 3:1-20)- Jesus' Life Before Ministry #3

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Knowing Jesus leads to the fruits of repentance

Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Luke 3:7 NKJV

Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Luke 3:8 NKJV

And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” Luke 3:9 NKJV

Knowing Jesus leads to actual repentance

So the people asked him, saying, “What shall we do then?” Luke 3:10 NKJV

He answered and said to them, “He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.” Luke 3:11 NKJV

Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” Luke 3:12 NKJV

And he said to them, “Collect no more than what is appointed for you.” Luke 3:13 NKJV

Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, “And what shall we do?” So he said to them, “Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages.” Luke 3:14 NKJV

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Knowing Jesus leads to sacrifice

Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, Luke 3:15 NKJV

John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Luke 3:16 NKJV

His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire,” Luke 3:17 NKJV

And with many other exhortations he preached to the people. Luke 3:18 NKJV

But Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, Luke 3:19 NKJV

also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison. Luke 3:20 NKJV

Knowing Jesus leads to Him

When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. Luke 3:21 NKJV

And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased Luke 3:22 NKJV

that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, Philippians 3:10 NKJV

This Week's Gospel of Luke Reading Plan:

January 25- Luke 22 + Luke 3:1-22

January 26 - Luke 23 + Luke 3:1-22

January 27 - Luke 24 + Luke 3:1-22

January 28 - Pray & Reflect

January 29 – Philippians 3 + Luke 3:1-22

January 30 – 1 John 1 + Luke 3:1-22

January 31 – 1 John 2 + Luke 3:1-22

January 25

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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: We're Thankful That Jesus Helps Sick People

Parent Connect: This month, we learned about Jesus helping the sick man. Read the back of your toddler's coloring sheet to them this week, asking, "Can you tell me what is going on in this picture?" (The sick man's friends are lowering him through the roof because the house was very crowded!)

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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: You Can Talk to God | Matthew 6:5-14

Parent Connect: Today we made prayer chains in our classroom to remind us of things we want to pray for. Use the construction paper you were given at pick up and write down some prayer requests. Staple or tape them into a chain your kid can see to remember to pray!

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 is the anointed one – the Messiah | Luke 4:14-30

Parent Connect:

- Read: Luke 3:1-22
- Talk: In verse 22 God said Jesus was His "dearly loved Son." How do you think God feels about you?
- Do: Take turns telling each family member things you dearly love about them.