



Let's Learn about:  
**Doctor  
Luke**

## CURRENT THEME:

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## MEMORY VERSE

"For no word of God will ever fail."- **Luke 1:37**

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**NOVEMBER 9 | LIFE APPLICATION**

**We all have gifts that can be  
used to glorify God.**

## Today's Scripture: **Luke 1:1-4**

### Introduction to the **Book of Luke**:

#### Who was Luke?

- Luke was a doctor
- Luke was a disciple of Jesus
- Luke wrote about the life of Jesus and His teaching
- Other disciples also wrote about Jesus, but Luke wrote in great detail and included insights that are not in the other gospels (More detail, more parables, stories of angels, and miracles of Jesus.)

#### Discuss **Luke 1:1-4**

*"1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, 2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, 3 it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught."*

1. Luke says in **verse 1** that many had written about Jesus and all that had happened and had been accomplished during His ministry on earth. **What does Luke say in verse 2 about all of those who had written about Jesus?** *(From the beginning, they were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word.)*
2. **In verse 3, what did Luke say it seemed good for him to do?** *(Because he had followed all that had happened with Jesus closely, he felt he should write an "orderly account" for Theophilus and for us.)*
3. Read **verse 4. Why did he write this account of the life and ministry of Jesus?** *(So that believers would be sure of the truth of all they had learned about Jesus.)*
4. **Luke's Gospel** was similar to the other gospels (**Matthew**, **Mark**, and **John**). However, Luke was a doctor and also a gentile, so he had a different way of looking at all that had happened. **Here are some interesting facts about Luke:**
  - Luke was a doctor, with knowledge about the human body, but also one who paid great attention to details.
  - Luke was the only Gentile (non-Jewish) author of a New Testament book of the Bible. His audience were Greeks and Gentiles and they were able to understand Luke because he was one of them.

- He included more of Jesus's parables, miracles, and stories of angels than any of the other Gospels.
- Luke traced the genealogy of Jesus all the way back to Adam to show He was fully human. He often referred to Jesus as the Son of Man.
- Luke was a companion of Paul, who called him "Beloved Physician."
- The **Book of Luke** is the longest book of the New Testament.
- The **Book of Acts**, the story of the Early Church, was also written by Luke.
- His gifts were many. In early 8th century writings, he is supposedly a painter of the portraits of Mary, Paul, and Peter (though there is no actual proof). Also, his meticulous, careful, historical writing abilities are some of the finest in all Greek antiquity.

### A word from our pastor, David Chadwick:

1. The Book of Luke was sometimes called "the gospel of mercy." **Are you merciful toward others, especially the poor and needy?**
2. Luke was an evangelist, wanting his friend Theophilus to go to heaven. **Do you have a passion for the lost who are eternally separated from God, with no faith in Jesus?**
3. Luke was a discipler. He wanted to deepen Theophilus's discipleship. **Is this you? For yourself? Others?**
4. Luke was a martyr. **Would you be willing to die for your faith?** If on trial for your faith, would the evidence be enough to convict you?

Next week, we continue to learn about the characters around the cradle and look at: Zechariah. If you want a baby or have a loved one who does, we will pray as a body in unity for this need. We will pray for conception, safe delivery and good health. **To Jesus alone and always belongs all the glory.**

### Family Challenge:

God has given all of us gifts - ways that we can serve Him with our abilities. Luke had many gifts, and you also have gifts. Even if you are young, the Lord has plans for you. And, your parents' job is to help you find your gifts and flourish in them - not only for the vocation (job) you will one day have, but also the gifts you can use to serve Jesus in this world.

1. Have each person (including you) talk about the things they enjoy doing or that they would like to do. Then, have family members share the special character traits they see in them: Kind, generous, loving, strong, brave, etc. Writing these words on index cards is a great way for them to save and remember what others have said about them!

2. Parents, it's so important to "speak into" your children the values and character traits you hope to see in them:

- "I noticed how kind you were to your brother today."
- "You are such a good helper! Thank you for helping me."
- "You have really persevered with that homework project even though it was hard. I am so proud of you!"
- "You showed strength and character when you didn't do what all the other kids were doing."
- "I love watching you ... (fill in the blank) today!"
- "I see you leading others by being a good example when you..."
- "You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. You've got this!"

### **Prayer:**

*Jesus, we love You and want to serve You with our gifts and abilities. Help us to see the way You have made us and how we can use our gifts to serve others - as well as make a difference in this world. In Your Name we pray, Amen.*