



**April 4/5, 2026**

**CURRENT THEME:**

**Luke – Jesus Knew His Purpose on Earth**

**LIFE APPLICATION:**

What is my purpose?

**SCRIPTURE:**

Luke 4:40–44

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*“...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”* **Matthew 5:16**

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**Parents, ask your kids:**

1. What do you like most about Easter?
  2. What are some traditions we celebrate during Easter?
  3. What is the most important thing about Easter?
  4. Jesus did some amazing things: Can you name some of the amazing things he did? (He performed miracles, he healed the sick, he calmed the storm, he walked on water, etc.)
  5. Jesus did a lot of amazing things, but why did he come to earth? What was his main purpose, or priority? (Discuss.)
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## REVIEW LUKE 4:38–41

*38 And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house (Simon was also called Peter by Jesus). Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. 39 And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.*

1. What amazing thing did Jesus do when he left the synagogue and went to Simon's house? (He healed Simon's mother-in-law. She was very ill with a high fever, and Jesus rebuked the fever and it left her. She was well immediately!)
  2. What does "rebuke" mean? (Discuss) It means to speak against, reprimand, express strong disapproval. Jesus "rebuked" the fever and sickness in this person, and it left her body!
  3. Later, in **verses 40–41**, Jesus also healed many others and even rebuked and cast out demons! What does this show about Jesus? (He has amazing power over diseases — he healed many. And, he has power over demons.)
  4. What did the demons yell when Jesus cast them out? ("You are the Son of God!") Even the demons know who Jesus is! This is important, because we need to know who he is and why he came to the earth!
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## READ AND DISCUSS LUKE 4:42–44 to see what happened next!

*42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, 43 but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." 44 And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.*

1. What did Jesus do after he did all of these amazing things? (He went off to a desolate place.) Why do you think Jesus did this? (Discuss, ponder together. Was he tired? Did he need some time alone? Was he praying?)
  2. What did the people do when they realized he was leaving them? (They tried to follow him, they tried to get him to stay.) Why did they want him to stay? (Because he had performed miracles and they wanted to see more. They knew there was something special about him.)
  3. What did Jesus say to them when they asked him to stay? ("I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to other towns as well, for I was sent for this purpose.")
  4. What does the word 'priority' mean? (A priority is a task that is most important to accomplish.) Jesus could heal, and he could have power over demons — he could even walk on water! But what was his priority? For what main reason was Jesus sent by the Father to earth? (To preach the good news of the kingdom of God. Jesus would bring the kingdom of heaven to the earth.)
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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR, DAVID CHADWICK:

Jesus' life included:

- **Prayer:** "...and when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place." (To be with the Father, to pray.)
- **Priority:** "I must..." (He knew what he must do, above all things.)
- **Preaching:** "...preach the good news of the kingdom of God to other towns as well." (Take the good news everywhere!)
- **Purpose:** "I was sent for this purpose..." (He knew why he was on earth — to preach the good news of the kingdom of God, and also to give his life to save us from our sins.)
- **Power:** "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." **Acts 1:8**

**Jesus said this to his disciples but also to us!** Through the Holy Spirit we will receive the power to be his witnesses to all the earth! His purpose did not end when he gave his life on the cross to save us from our sins and rose from the dead on the third day. His purpose continues, through us.

Does our life include prayer? **What is your priority in life?** Will you be a witness, preaching the good news? Do you know why you are on this earth? What is your purpose? Do you know that Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit and that we can access his power to do amazing things on earth for him?

### Finally:

- Who is your king? And what is your kingdom — heavenly or earthly?
- How are you bringing heaven to earth?

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## FAMILY CHALLENGE

1. Parents, ask your kids again: How can we bring the kingdom of heaven to earth?  
Through:

- Prayer (Talk to God daily and follow his lead)
- Priority (Make this a priority in our lives)
- Preaching (Witnessing to others)
- Purpose (Know the main reason we are here on this earth)
- Power (Know God has given us power to do amazing things for him)

2. Watch together: **Superbook — He is Risen!** (available on Youtube)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABF-jqfX6ek&list=PL0zvCDP\\_0LjCpNejEZmCRhf5sG8heMtS2&index=11](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABF-jqfX6ek&list=PL0zvCDP_0LjCpNejEZmCRhf5sG8heMtS2&index=11)

3. We celebrated baptisms at church today. Talk about what this meant to each person and why baptism is important. For example — it is something Jesus told us to do. It is an outward symbol of what has happened inside of us when we accepted his gift of salvation. Because of this gift, we are a new creation and we want everyone to know!

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**PRAYER:**

*Jesus, thank you for coming to earth to tell us about your kingdom and how we can be with you forever. Thank you for being willing to give your life for us. We love you and want to tell everyone about you. In your name we pray, Amen.*