



Looks from Luke

A study for children on the life of Jesus in the book of Luke

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Dear Grace Bible Church family,

It has become something of a tradition at Grace Bible Church to offer a devotional guide to our families at both Christmas and Easter. Our goal with these items is to put resources in your hands that can help support you as you train up your children to know the Lord. As I sit writing this year's Easter guide on a beautiful Friday afternoon, my children are home from school, my husband is working upstairs, and I won't be heading to the ball field tonight with the puppy to watch my son play in his first high school game. With the spread of Coronavirus through our country, state, counties, and towns, we find ourselves facing new challenges. The people of Grace Bible Church, dispersed in homes around the area, are unable to meet face-to-face for the time being. We are finding ourselves at home, with our spouses and children, and with ample time on our hands to read, set puzzles, watch movies and clean out closets. While we long to be together for corporate worship, we must be satisfied with live-streaming church services and zoom meetings with our home groups. These are difficult times as we seek to rest in the Lord, be encouragers in our communities, and submit to our governing authorities. Our current situation makes it all the more imperative that we be in the Word day by day, and that we guide our children through God's word as well.

For each day of this Easter devotional you and your children will be directed to follow a simple pattern of **Read, Wonder, Do**. These three steps can be accomplished in about 15 minutes. You will read a passage, reflect on it's message, and then illustrate the passage. Each illustration, drawn on an index card, will then be added to a timeline on your wall. The cards are also color coded to show major events in the life of Jesus (red), the teachings of Jesus (green), and the actions of Jesus (blue). It is my hope that these guided readings and discussions will give you a chance, as a family, to dwell on the life of Jesus; to spend time reflecting on who he was, is, and will continue to be even as we face uncertain times.

I truly hope this Easter devotional will be a help to you. All you will need is a few minutes a day, some index cards and markers, and a copy of the Bible. I have also listed correlating stories from the [Jesus Storybook Bible](#) by Sally Lloyd-Jones for those of you who have very young children. While we may not be able to meet together, we can join together in God's word and focus our hearts on one thing that has NOT changed: the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Grace Bible Church, I pray we will be together again soon, but until then, I will pray for you and your children and your time in God's word!!

Much affection,
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<p>Sunday, March 22</p>	<p>Read: Luke 2 (JSB: “He’s Here!”) <i>You may want to have the children summarize this account as they are likely familiar with the birth of Jesus and the surrounding details.</i></p> <p>Wonder: What is significant about <i>where</i> Jesus was born? What does this tell us about His entire ministry? <i>Jesus was the prophesied king sent from God, but He was born in a cattle shed. This shows us that He was coming as a humble servant, to save His people, but after His work was done, He would be fully glorified as the powerful king that He is!</i></p> <p>Do: On an index card, draw the birth of Jesus. Outline the card in red and then add this card to the beginning of your timeline!</p>
<p>Monday, March 23</p>	<p>Read: Luke 2:41-52</p> <p>Wonder: When Jesus was just 12 years old his family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. What was Passover? <i>A celebration to remind the Jewish nation of how God had rescued them from the oppression of Pharaoh in Egypt and saved their households from the plague of death that took the lives of the firstborn of all of the Egyptians.</i> While they were there, what did Jesus do? <i>He left His parents and went into the temple, and He was talking with the teachers there.</i> What did He tell Mary and Joseph when they came back for Him? <i>He was in His father’s house. The Temple was the most holy place that the Israelites had, a place where God and man once were together. Since Jesus is God, it makes sense that the temple would be a home to Him.</i></p> <p>Do: On an index card, draw Jesus praying in the temple and his parents searching for him; outline the card in blue add this to your timeline.</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 24</p>	<p>Read: Luke 3: 21-23 (JSB: “Heaven Breaks Through”)</p> <p>Wonder: What is baptism? <i>A symbol of someone being changed by God and a profession of their belief in Jesus as the Messiah, which is really also faith in God.</i> Why did Jesus also get baptized? <i>Primarily to obey His father, but also to show that He too had faith in His father’s plans and was in submission to Him.</i> What is significant about what happens next? <i>God’s voice comes down from heaven, clearly proclaiming that Jesus is the Son of God! Many people did not believe this, and many still do not, but this was a very clear sign that Jesus is the promised rescuer from God!</i></p> <p>Do: On an index card, draw a picture of Jesus’s baptism; outline the card in red and add it to your timeline.</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 25</p>	<p>Read: Luke 4:38-41</p> <p>Wonder: Jesus performed many miraculous healing in this passage. What are the two that are mentioned? <i>Healing Simon Peter’s mother-in-law, and rebuking a demon out of someone.</i> Why are these miracles significant, and what do they show us about Christ? <i>He cared for people and not only did He want to share His message with them, but He wanted to show them His great love. They also display His incredible power!</i> Why did the demons become quiet? <i>Because they knew that Jesus was the Son of God and they were afraid.</i> If our greatest enemies are afraid of Christ, then He must be the Son of God! This is also good news because it shows that those on the side of Christ will be victorious! Nothing is greater than God!</p> <p>Do: Draw a picture of Jesus healing the people in the crowd described here; outline the card in blue and place it on your timeline.</p>

<p>Thursday, March 26</p>	<p>Read: Luke 5:1-11 (JSB: "Let's Go!") Wonder: Jesus shows his power here as he fills the nets with fish. By doing this, he is proving that he has power and authority. The fishermen are convinced of his power and are then eager to follow Him when he calls them. Do: Draw a picture on your index card to show Jesus calling his disciples; outline the card in blue and place it on your timeline</p>
<p>Friday, March 27</p>	<p>Read: Luke 5:17-26 Wonder: In this account, Jesus does two amazing things. Can you find both? <i>He heals the man, but he also forgives His sins.</i> Which of these miracles can the people see? <i>The physical healing.</i> Why did Jesus forgive the man's sins when he was brought there just to be healed? <i>Jesus knew that the man needed to be forgiven of his sins more than he needed to be physically healed.</i> For many in the crowd, this was frustrating because only God was able to forgive sins. Here Jesus is beginning to show them that he is God's son. Do: Draw a picture of the men who lowered their friend through the roof to get close to Jesus; outline the card in blue and place it on your timeline.</p>
<p>Saturday, March 28</p>	<p>Read: Luke 8:4-15 Wonder: What was Jesus trying to help the people understand with this parable? <i>He wanted them to understand that wise teaching would be received differently by different people.</i> Just after this parable, Jesus goes on to explain to them that not all who hear God's word will be able to understand it. God gives help to believers to understand his word. Do: Outline your index card in green. Then draw a picture of the lesson that Jesus was teaching in this parable and place this card on your timeline.</p>
<p>Sunday, March 29</p>	<p>Read: Luke 8:22-25 (JSB: "The Captain of The Storm") Wonder: What does this account show? <i>Jesus has authority over nature. In previous miracles he was able to heal physical ailments, but here he commands and controls the violent forces of nature as well.</i> This helps the disciples to continue to see his limitless power. Do: Outline the card in blue. Draw the scene on the water when Jesus calmed the storm and then add this card to your timeline.</p>
<p>Monday, March 30</p>	<p>Read: Luke 8:40-56 (JSB: "A Little Girl and a Poor Frail Lady") Wonder: Why did the servant tell Jairus not to bother the Teacher any longer? <i>Because his daughter had died and the servant felt that Jesus would not be able to help once she had died-he believed Jesus was able only to heal her. Jesus, however, told Jairus to have faith and his daughter would be healed.</i> Why does Jesus charge the parents not to tell anyone about what had happened? <i>Jesus was now in a region where his ministry could be troubled if word got out that he had brought her back to life. He wanted to continue his ministry without trouble from the authorities.</i> Do: Draw the miracle of healing Jairus's daughter and add it to your timeline. Outline this card in blue.</p>

<p>Tuesday, March 31</p>	<p>Read: Luke 9:10-17 (JSB: "Filled full!") Wonder: Even though the disciples had been with Jesus for a long time, they forgot that he was able to perform a miracle for this crowd. When it is time for lunch they want Jesus to send the crowd away but Jesus does not. Instead he tells the disciples to feed them. Why didn't Jesus just send the crowds away? What does this tell us about Him? <i>He had compassion on them; he wanted to continue to teach them; he was able to provide for them easily.</i> Do: Draw a picture of Jesus feeding the 5,000 on the hillside. Outline this card in blue and then add it to your timeline!</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 1</p>	<p>Read: Luke 9:23-27 Wonder: What is Jesus communicating to his disciples in this passage? <i>That the cost of following him will be great, it will not be easy, and it might be very costly for them.</i> Do: Draw on your index card what you think of when you hear the phrase, "Take up your cross and follow me." Outline your card in green and add it to your timeline.</p>
<p>Thursday, April 2</p>	<p>Read: Luke 11:1-4 (JSB: "How to Pray") Wonder: Have you ever heard this prayer before? Have you memorized it? Why did Jesus teach this prayer to his followers? <i>It is a model of the kinds of things that he wants us to talk to him about. We are free to memorize this prayer, but we should also use it as a sample when we pray. Try praying together following this model by putting your own words in place of those in this passage.</i> Do: Outline your index card in green and draw a picture that reminds you of Jesus' teaching on prayer. Place your card on your timeline.</p>
<p>Friday, April 3</p>	<p>Read: Luke 12:22-34 (JSB: "The Singer") Wonder: Jesus gives much wisdom in this passage. What are some of the things he teaches here? <i>We don't need to be worried about things because he is in control; he will take care of us just as he cares for the flowers and the grass; we are to seek after God's kingdom; we are to share with the needy; fix our minds on treasures in Heaven, not on earthly treasure.</i> Do: Outline your index card in green and draw a picture of the story. Add it to your timeline.</p>
<p>Saturday, April 4</p>	<p>Read: Luke 15:1-7 Wonder: When Jesus told this parable he wanted the Pharisees to learn an important lesson. What was he trying to tell them? <i>God values the life of each and every one of his children and he pursues them while they are lost in their sin in order to bring them to him.</i> Do: Outline your index card in green and draw on it what is recorded on Luke 12:1-7. Add it to your timeline.</p>

<p>Sunday, April 5</p>	<p>Read: Luke 15:8-10 Wonder: Jesus again told a parable to illustrate what he wanted to teach. What is he telling us in this parable? <i>That God rejoices when one sinner repents from his sin and trusts Jesus. This is a good time to talk with your children about their understanding of sin. What does it mean to sin? To turn away from God, do things our own way instead of God's way. What does it mean to trust Jesus? Believe that he died for us, that we are all sinners in need of a savior and believe that his work on the cross saves us from the punishment that sinners deserve. What is the reaction when one sinner is found? Just like the reaction over the found coin, there is great rejoicing when one person turns from their sin!!</i> Do: Outline your index card in green and draw the search for a lost coin. Make sure you include the great rejoicing over a coin that is found! Add it to your timeline.</p>
<p>Monday, April 6</p>	<p>Read: Luke 15:11-32 (JSB: "Running Away") Wonder: This was a story that Jesus told to a small crowd of people, but this particular crowd was full of unpopular and unwanted. People thought that they were sinners and cheaters, and they were, but Jesus did not love them any less because of it. In the story, who does the son represent? <i>People like us and the people who were listening. Who does the father represent? God, who is our Heavenly father. What happened to the son when he chose his own way instead of his father's way? He did not end up in a good place! He ended up coming back to his father, ashamed of what he had done. This is like us when we sin. What was the father's response, and what does this show us about God? He welcomed him back lovingly and forgave him! God does the same when we repent from our sin and turn to Him!</i> Do: Outline your index card in green and draw the parable of the Prodigal Son, not while he was running away, but after he came home where he belonged! Add it to your timeline.</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 7</p>	<p>Read: Luke 17: 11-19 Wonder: What is leprosy? <i>A skin disease. During Bible times if you had this disease you were not allowed in the city, instead you had to live outside of the city gate. Lepers were thought to be unclean so they were not allowed around others. How does Jesus respond to the lepers? He speaks to them and heals them. There was one who came back to say, "Thank-you." What does Jesus say to this man? That his faith has made him well. Jesus healed the bodies of nine of these men, but he healed the soul of the tenth man. Here again Jesus shows us our need for a savior and that those with faith are healed from their sin!</i> Do: Outline your card in blue today and then draw the scene where Jesus heals ten lepers and only one returns to thank him. Add it to your timeline.</p>

<p>Wednesday, April 8</p>	<p>Read: Luke 19:28-40 Wonder: As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, what were the disciples doing? <i>Praising him and calling him the king sent by God!</i> Why did the Pharisees tell Jesus to make them stop? <i>They did not want to believe that Jesus was the king, because they wanted to be in control.</i> They did not understand that Jesus was the Lord of Creation and he deserved to be praised for all that he was and what he had done! To truly understand how important this event was, we must look at what occurred before it. Multiple times before this, people had tried to kill Jesus because they did not like the message he was sharing. He was not welcomed in Jerusalem, and he knew that going there would eventually lead to his death. But Jesus was not afraid, because as he was riding into Jerusalem he was coming to conquer death once and for all! Do: Outline your card in blue and draw Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Include some words of praise! Jesus told the Pharisees that if the disciples were not praising God, then the rocks would instead! It is right for the king of the universe to be praised. Add it to your timeline.</p>
<p>Thursday, April 9</p>	<p>Read: Luke 19:45-48 Wonder: When Jesus returned to Jerusalem and saw what was happening in the temple it made him very angry. In other gospel accounts Jesus is recorded as saying that the temple was being turned into a den of robbers. (Matthew 21:13) Why was Jesus so angry with what he saw? <i>This was supposed to be God's house. It was supposed to be a place of prayer and a place of worship and sharing the scriptures.</i> Remember when Jesus was twelve and he was found in the temple? When he returned to Jerusalem as an adult he did not find the same temple that he had loved as a young boy. Do: On today's card you have permission to draw a great big mess! Jesus made a great big mess when he cleansed the temple and overturned the tables. Outline this card in blue and add it to your timeline.</p>
<p>Friday, April 10</p>	<p>Read: Luke 22:7-71 (JSB: "The Servant King" & "A Dark Night In the Garden") <i>You may want to have the children summarize this account as it is quite lengthy. What do they already know about the last supper in the upper room?</i> Wonder: There is so much for us to learn from this passage! Jesus does not seem alarmed at any point in this account. He knows what will happen. How do we see his trusting God's plan in this passage? <i>Jesus is not unkind to Judas even though he knows a betrayal is coming; Jesus does not panic when he goes to pray even though he knows his disciples will fall asleep; Jesus does not resist arrest even though he is wrongly accused.</i> Let's just take a quiet moment to let this significant faith sink in and then let's pray that our faith will be strong like this. Do: Outline your index card in blue AND red AND green!! This passage shows Jesus serving his disciples, but also teaching them what they will need to know in order to understand the events that are coming. It also serves as a major event in his life as it is the last time he will spend with his disciples. Add this to your timeline.</p>

<p>Saturday, April 11</p>	<p>Read: Luke 23:26-49 (JSB: “The Sun Stops Shining”) Wonder: The crucifixion of Jesus can be seen as the most sad event in history, but for believers it can also be seen as one of the most beautiful scenes that ever took place. How can this be both terrible and beautiful at the same time? We have the gift of the Bible which means that we know that our story does not end here. What hope do Christians have as they go to bed tonight? <i>That tomorrow is Easter Sunday and we will celebrate our Risen Savior!!!</i> Do: Outline your drawing today in red. Add this to your timeline.</p>
<p>Sunday, April 12</p>	<p>Read: Luke 24:1-53 (JSB: “God’s Wonderful Surprise”) Wonder: After Jesus’ death, all of his disciples were hiding in a room, sad, hopeless, and not even sure what to think. Think for a second about what that would have been like... no hope and no help. But God did not intend for his people to have no hope and no help. What happened that gave the disciples great hope? <i>Suddenly light flooded the room...Jesus was alive before them!!! God showed his great love to them, and to us, by allowing Jesus to appear in front of them to assure them that he was indeed,risen!</i> What greater hope could we have!!! Do: Outline your index card in red as this is a significant event in Jesus’s life. Then draw the most glorious resurrection scene that you can possibly imagine! The stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty, the body of Jesus is gone and his disciples are rejoicing at all that he foretold. He is risen indeed!! Add this to your timeline.</p>