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Day 1 LUKE 1:1-4	We can be certain that what The Gospel of Luke teaches us about Jesus is true.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theophilus means friend of God. It could be the man's name or a description of him – or both! Why do you think Theophilus cared so much that Jesus' life was written in an "orderly sequence"? 2. What is Luke's purpose in writing this Gospel? (vs. 4) 3. (vvs 2-3) What are the sources of Luke's information? How do you know Luke made an accurate record? 4. If someone asked you "How do you know that God's word is true?", what would you say? 	Give thanks that we can know with certainty that what we have been taught about Jesus is true.
Day 2 LUKE 1:26-35	The angel Gabriel declared to Mary that her son, Jesus, is God's son and the King who will reign forever.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What names will Jesus be called? What do these names tell you about him? (vv. 30-35) 2. How is Jesus' rule described? What is surprising about that description? (vv.32-33) 3. In 2 Samuel 7:16, God promises David "Your house and kingdom will endure before Me forever, and your throne will be established forever." How do we know that Jesus is the way God keeps this promise? 4. How does your vision of Jesus expand when you remember that he is both fully human and fully God? 	Give thanks that Jesus is God's son, the king who was promised to David who will reign forever.
Day 3 LUKE 1:46-55	Mary's certain faith in God's promises led her to praise Him.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is Mary's response to the news of the coming of Jesus? What is surprising about her response? 2. According to Mary, what has God done for his people? And what has he done for those who are opposed to him? 3. In Genesis 12:3, God promises Abraham (then known as Abram), "and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you." How is Jesus the fulfillment of this promise? 4. How often do you praise God for the good things he has done in your life? What could you do to praise him more often? 	Use some of the phrases Mary uses in the passage to praise God.

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Day 4

LUKE 2:1-7

God worked through the actions of an Emperor to fulfil the promise of Jesus' birth.

1. Who made the decision for all the people to be counted? (vv1-2)
2. Why do you think Luke included the historical detail in verse 2?
3. In Micah 5:2, God promises, "Bethlehem Ephrath, you are one of the smallest towns in the nation of Judah. But the Lord will choose one of your people to rule the nation—someone whose family goes back to ancient times." Why is it important for Christians to know that Jesus' birthplace was predicted 700 years before he was born?
4. How does your image of Jesus change to think that God's son was born into such lowly beginnings?

Give thanks that because of the details Luke recorded, we can know for certainty that Jesus is God's son and the promised saviour.

Day 5

LUKE 1:67-75

(OPTIONAL: 1:5-25; 1:57-66)

God saves us so that we can serve him

1. How many times does Zechariah praise God for saving his people?
2. How does verse 77 help you understand what the enemy of God's people is?
3. In verses 74 and 75, what does Zechariah say that God's people can do because they are saved?
4. Spend some time thinking about the ways God's salvation has freed you to be able to serve him.

Pray for help in the areas of holiness and goodness that you're struggling with.

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Day 1 LUKE 2:8-15	The Shepherds' right response was to leave everything behind to find Jesus.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (vs8) What was the shepherds' first response to seeing the angel of the Lord? Why do you think this is? 2. (vvs10-11) When a new King is born, who is usually the first to be told? What does it tell you that this group of shepherds was the first to be told of Jesus' birth? 3. (vs 15) Why do you think the shepherds responded the way they did? 4. The good news of Christ's birth caused an immediate response from the shepherds - but there's no indication what happened next for them. What is your "next step" in continuing to respond to God's great gift of Jesus? 	Pray that God will help you respond rightly as you continue to live out your relationship with Christ every day.
Day 2 LUKE 2:25-32	Simeon's right response was to wait patiently to see God keep his promises.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (vs25) Why did Israel need consolation? (see Isaiah 40:1-2; Isaiah 9:27) 2. (vvs 29-32) What are some of the things Simeon believes Jesus will achieve for God's people? 3. (vs 32) What hope is there for Gentiles in this verse? How does this fulfil God's promise to Abraham that "all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you." (Genesis 12:3b) ? 4. Simeon's right response was to list some benefits that come from God's gift of Jesus. What are some of the benefits you have received through Christ? (see Colossians 1:13-23) 	Pray that God will help you remember all of the amazing benefits you have been given through Jesus' life, death and resurrection.
Day 3 LUKE 2:36-38	Anna's right response was to tell everyone she saw that Jesus had come to set his people free.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (vs37) How did Anna demonstrate her love for God and trust in his promises? 2. (vs 38) This passage follows directly on from yesterday's passage. Why was Anna so thankful to God? 3. (vs 38) After thanking God, what was the next thing Anna did? Why do you think that was? 4. Once she heard about Jesus, Anna immediately began to speak about him to everyone who was willing to hear. Who can you pray to have opportunities to speak about Jesus to this week? 	Pray for the people in your life who don't yet know about Jesus. Pray for opportunities to share some of the good news of him and what he's done for you.

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<p>Day 4</p> <p>LUKE 2:41-50</p> <p>The right response of the teachers in the temple was to listen to Jesus.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (vvs 46, 49) Why do you think Jesus chose to stay behind in the temple? (vs 47) Why is the teachers' response to Jesus so surprising? (see Luke 20:1-8) (vs 48) Why is Mary and Joseph's response to Jesus so surprising? The teachers could have easily ignored Jesus and his teaching, but they didn't. When are some times you are tempted to ignore Jesus' teachings? What can you do to make sure you "be doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22) 	<p>Pray that God will help you listen to his word. Pray also that God's Holy Spirit will soften your heart so that you can obey him.</p>
<p>Day 5</p> <p>LUKE 3:1-9</p> <p>The right response of John's crowds was to turn back to God and ask for forgiveness.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (vvs 1-3) Why do you think Luke included all these historical figures in the opening verses of this chapter? (see Luke 1:40) (vvs 4-6) These verses are taken from Isaiah 40. Read it now. What links to Jesus do you see? (vvs 7-8) Why might be people be tempted to think that they are right with God because of Abraham? (see Jeremiah 7:3-4: "This is what the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, says: Correct your ways and your deeds, and I will allow you to live in this place. Do not trust deceitful words, chanting: This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord"). (vvs 7-8) If a right relationship with God is based on repentance (which means a change in thinking that leads to a change in behavior)", how are God's people meant to show that they have repented? 	<p>Pray that God will help you to respond rightly to him. Pray that he will reveal to you any areas in which you need to repent. Thank God that we are washed clean by Jesus' blood and that God gives us his Holy Spirit who helps live new lives God's way.</p>

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Day 1

LUKE 4:1-13

When Jesus was opposed and tempted by Satan, he stood strong in God's word.

1. (vs 1-3) Why do you think the Devil chose this opportunity to test Jesus?
2. Look up the verse Jesus quotes in its original context (Deuteronomy 8:3). How is Jesus' situation similar to and different from the situation faced by the Israelites in the desert? How is Jesus similar to and different from God's people Israel?
3. In response to the second temptation, Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:13, which was directed at God's people Israel. From your knowledge of the Old Testament, how successful were God's people at keeping this command?
4. What are some ways you can better equip yourself with God's word so you're ready to face whatever situation may lie ahead?

Pray that God will help you recall his word in times of weakness and testing. Pray that he will help you to do what is right and good in his sight.

Day 2

LUKE 4:16-30

When Jesus was opposed by the people in his hometown, he continued on with his mission elsewhere.

1. Jesus reads from Isaiah 61:1-2. Take a look at the whole chapter. What verses remind you of Jesus' life and ministry?
2. The original Greek of verse 22 can be translated both as "speaking well" of Jesus and "testifying against" Jesus. How does the double meaning of this verse hint at the different responses to Jesus?
3. (vvs24-27) What do the widow at Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian have in common? What does this say about many Jewish people in Jesus' day? (**Hint:** Acts 18:6) (**Bonus:** If you want to learn the background to these Old Testament characters, read 1 Kings 17:7-24 and 2 Kings 5:1-18).
4. (vvs 28-30) Why do you think Jesus was able to do this?

Pray and give thanks that you, like the widow at Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian, have responded rightly to God's promises

Day 3

LUKE 4:31-36

When Jesus was opposed by evil spirits, he overpowered them.

1. At the beginning of the passage, what caused the crowds to see that Jesus had authority?
2. What is another way Jesus showed his authority to the crowds?
3. What did the demons recognise about Jesus?
4. What did the crowds do in response to what they had seen and heard?

Give thanks that neither angels nor demons nor anything else in all creation can separate you from the love of God in Jesus.

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Day 4
LUKE 6:6-11

Jesus was opposed by the Pharisees because they didn't understand why he had come.

1. (vs 6) Why had Jesus come to the synagogue?
2. (vs 7) Why were the Pharisees watching Jesus? What was their motivation?
3. (vs 9) What does Jesus' question reveal about how the Pharisees had misunderstood the purpose of the sabbath?
4. The Pharisees were "filled with rage" after this incident. What are some other parts of Jesus life, death and teaching which people in your life have reacted with anger to? Why do you think this is?

Pray that those you love will have soft hearts to Jesus, rather than having the angry response that the Pharisees did.

Day 5
LUKE 5:1-11

Not everyone opposed Jesus! The disciples left everything they had to follow him.

- 1.(vs 4-6) What made it clear to Peter and the others that the massive catch of fish was a miracle from Jesus' hands?
2. (vs 8) What does Peter's response tell you about who he thought Jesus was?
3. (vs 11) Why do you think the disciples were willing to leave everything behind to follow Jesus?
4. What have you left behind to follow Jesus? What remnants of your old life do you still need to leave behind?

Pray that God will reveal to you what areas of your old life you haven't yet left behind as you follow Jesus. Pray for the same strength of conviction that the disciples had.

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<p>Day 1 LUKE 5:12-18</p>	<p>Some people who received healing from Jesus didn't want to obey him fully.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. According to Leviticus 13:45-46, people with skin diseases such as these were to live outside the city and to call out "Unclean, unclean!" whenever they came into contact with people. Why do you think Jesus didn't rebuke the man for breaking these laws? 2. (vs 12) What is the man certain of? What is the man not certain of? What does this tell you about his understanding of Jesus? 3. Why do you think Jesus asked the man not to tell anyone? (Hint: Luke 4:42-43). 4. What in these verses indicates that the man did not do as Jesus asked? When are you tempted not to obey Jesus commands? Why? 	<p>Pray that God will help you respond rightly to Jesus by living as he has commanded you to do.</p>
<p>Day 2 LUKE 5:17-26</p>	<p>Some people who came to Jesus were healed both physically and spiritually.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (vs 17) Mark's gospel says this healing took place in Capernaum, which means that some pharisees travelled almost 200kms to be there. What had motivated them to travel so far? What were they hoping to see? 2. In verse 17, Luke notes that God's power enabled Jesus to heal. In verse 20, what else did God's power help Jesus do? Why is this important? 3. (vs 21) How did the Pharisees react to Jesus' words? (vvs 22-24) How did Jesus answer their objections? 4. (vvs 25-26) Contrast the crowd's reaction to the reaction of the Pharisees. Are there times when, like the Pharisees, your heart is hardened to God's word? What can you do in these times? 	<p>Pray that as you read God's word that he will change your heart to be more like Jesus. Pray that you're not hardened to his word like the Pharisees were.</p>
<p>Day 3 LUKE 7:1-10</p>	<p>Some people from outside of Israel showed their faith in Jesus by asking him for healing.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What hints are there in this passage that the Roman Centurion has faith in the God of Israel? 2. (vs 6) Why do you think the Centurion thought he wasn't worthy to have Jesus come to his house? 3. (vs 9) Can you think of some examples of people of faith in Israel that Jesus did meet? What is Jesus saying about this Centurion by contrasting him with them? 4. We, like many of Luke's original readers, are Gentiles like this Centurion. What encouragement is there in this passage for Luke's Gentile readers? What encouragement is there in this passage for us? 	<p>Give thanks that you, like the Centurion, can be adopted into God's family by faith in Christ.</p>

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<p>Day 4 LUKE 8:22-25</p> <p>Some of Jesus' miracles caused the people who witnessed the events to be fearful and amazed.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compare the disciples' response to the storm with Jesus' response. Why do you think they were so different? 2. Why is the disciples' fear completely misplaced? (Hint: Colossians 1:16-17) 3. (vs 25) What surprises you about the disciples' final words? 4. We know the answer to the disciples question in verse 25. Despite this, can you think of a time you have faced a "storm" in your life and have been tempted to doubt that Jesus is in control? What can you do when faced with these doubts? 	<p>Pray, giving thanks that Jesus has shown that he has power over all things. Pray that you will be able to trust him no matter what storms you may face.</p>
<p>Day 5 LUKE 9:10-17</p> <p>Some miracles Jesus performed were so big and had so many witnesses that there's no doubt he had the power of God.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This miracle is one of two miracles that is recorded in all four gospels (the other is the resurrection). Why do you think this miracle is so important that all four gospel writers included it? 2. What does the size of the crowd tell you about the impact of Jesus' ministry so far? From what you've read so far in Luke why do you think that is? 3. What Old Testament miracle does this event remind you of? Why is this significant? 4. How does the feeding of the 5000 help you answer someone who claims "those stories about Jesus were all made up!" ? 	<p>Thank God that because of the the accounts of Jesus' miracles, we can be certain that Jesus is God's son and our saviour.</p>

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<p>Day 1</p> <p>LUKE 6:20-22</p>	<p>God's Kingdom is greater than our world.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who is Jesus directing this teaching to? Why is this important for understanding his message? 2. Why would Jesus' disciples be poor? What kind of wealth do members of God's kingdom gain? How is this different from this world's wealth? 3. What kind of hunger is Jesus describing? (Hint: Matthew 5:6). How does God's kingdom provide an even greater need than food? 4. (vvs 22-23) What are some reasons Jesus gives to explain how to respond to opposition? Which reasons are the most comforting to you when you face opposition? 	<p>Thank God by being in his kingdom, we can see meaning and benefit in the hardships and difficulties we face as Christians.</p>
<p>Day 2</p> <p>LUKE 6:24-26</p>	<p>God's Kingdom has very different values from the values of our world.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who is someone in this world who you consider to be rich and powerful? What does Jesus say about them in these verses (if they are not part of God's kingdom)? 2. The word translated as "woe" in the HCSB can also mean "alas" or "how terrible". What is the point that Jesus is making by these things (being rich, full, laughing and well spoken of) as terrible? 3. Is Jesus saying it is wrong to be wealthy, have a full belly, and to be well spoken of? If not, then what is Jesus saying about these things? 4. (vs26) Jesus ties being well spoken of to the way false prophets were treated (see Jeremiah 6:14). Can you think of a time that you have softened God's word to be more acceptable to your hearer? What is the danger in doing this? 	<p>Pray that you won't let the blessings of this life and this word distract you from serving Jesus and from being a faithful proclaimer of the truths of his gospel.</p>
<p>Day 3</p> <p>LUKE 6:27-36</p>	<p>People in God's Kingdom show radical love to their enemies.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does the final verse in this reading (vs36) explain everything that comes before it? 2. Romans 5:10 explains that before we are saved, we are God's enemies. How does God's treatment of us explain Jesus' command in vs 27? 3. You may know that the Greek language has multiple words for "love". The word Jesus uses (agape), is also used of God's love (see 1 John 4:19, "We love because he first loved us") and describes a love that is not earned by the person to whom that love is shown. How does this help you understand Jesus' command to love your enemies? 4. In Jesus' context, with God's people under Roman rule, what would have made this teaching hard? In our context, what makes this teaching hard? 	<p>Pray that God will help you love others (as he first loved you), even when it's hard and costly.</p>

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<p>Day 4 LUKE 6:37-42</p>	<p>People in God's kingdom treat others with gentleness and forgiveness.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This passage has three teachings on a related theme. What unites all three sections together? (Hint: think about what this teaching has to say about relationships). 2. (vvs 37-38) How would your relationships benefit from following Jesus' teaching in these verses? How does this teaching remind you of how God has treated you? 3. (vvs 39-40) What warning is there in this passage for those of us who teach (or lead others)? 4. (vvs 41-42) Is Jesus telling us not to correct one another? Is Jesus telling us that we have to be perfect before we do? If not, then what is the humorous contrast between the plank and the speck warning us of? 	<p>Pray that God will help you be wise, loving and gentle as you encourage, exhort and rebuke your fellow Christians.</p>
<p>Day 5 LUKE 6:43-49</p>	<p>People who listen to Jesus' teaching have changed lives based on firm foundations.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (vvs 43-45) What signs are there which help you see how you are going in your walk with Jesus? Spend some time now examining the fruit of your life. 2. Romans 10:13 says "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved". How does vs. 46 explain what "calling on the name of the Lord" really looks like? Is it just words or something else? 3. (vvs 47-49) What might a firm foundation in God's word look like? What are some practical steps you can take to make sure your foundation is strong? 4. (vvs 47-49) What kinds of "storms" have you faced since becoming a follower of Jesus? How did God's word help you stand strong against the wind and the rain of difficult circumstances? 	<p>Give thanks that reading and obeying God's word will provide a firm foundation for whatever "storms" lie ahead in your life.</p>

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