

STAY GREEN

We're looking at the life of Jesus through the eyes of Luke. This book is an exciting picture of Jesus' birth, life, ministry, death, and resurrection.

Luke was an outsider, he was a misfit, and he felt left out. Luke shows us how Jesus always includes those who typically were treated as outsiders.

Discover the mystery of a savior who would stop at nothing to bring love to an unlovely world.

God wants you to have a rich, full, and satisfying life - so stop watering things that were never meant to grow.

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HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Remember S.O.A.P.

SCRIPTURE

S: “He replied, ‘Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.’” Matthew 17:20

OBSERVE

O: God said even if you have just the smallest bit of faith, you can tell a mountain to move and it will move.

APPLY

A: This scripture encourages me that even when I’m feeling down or hopeless, God says that all I need is a little bit of faith in him, and he will “move the mountain” and take care of whatever my problem is.

PRAY

P: Thank you Lord for being faithful. I ask that you would teach me how to have faith in you so that I won’t be worried when problems come my way. Your word says that nothing is impossible with You on my side, and I ask that you would remind me of that each and every day, especially when I am anxious or worried about something. Thank you for all that you’ve done for me, and I ask that you would open my heart up to all the plans that you have for me. Amen.

Luke 3:7-9

When crowds of people came out for baptism because it was the popular thing to do, John exploded: "Brood of snakes! What do you think you're doing slithering down here to the river? Do you think a little water on your snakeskins is going to deflect God's judgment? It's your life that must change, not your skin. And don't think you can pull rank by claiming Abraham as 'father.' Being a child of Abraham is neither here nor there—children of Abraham are a dime a dozen. God can make children from stones if he wants. What counts is your life. Is it green and blossoming? Because if it's deadwood, it goes on the fire."

THINK ABOUT IT

1. What does it mean to bear fruit?
2. How would giving up something, or turning away from something, help you bear fruit or grow fruit in your life?
3. How can you stay connected to God this summer?
4. If God could answer any prayer in your life, what would it be?

ACTION STEP

GROW SOMETHING!

We suggest starting as soon as possible! Find something to grow this summer, and put it on a pot. Every seed needs the following:

Good Soil

Some fell in the weeds; as it came up, it was strangled among the weeds and nothing came of it. Some fell on good earth and came up with a flourish, producing a harvest exceeding his wildest dreams. - Mark 4:8

Frequent Attention

“Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can’t bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can’t bear fruit unless you are joined with me.” John 15:4

Water

I will always show you where to go. I'll give you a full life in the emptiest of places - firm muscles, strong bones. You'll be like a well-watered garden, a gurgling spring that never runs dry. Isaiah 58:11

Light

Light, space, zest—
that's God!

So, with him on my side I'm fearless,
afraid of no one and nothing. Psalm 27:1