GOD AND ME TIME



12 DAYS IN
THE BOOK OF LUKE

JESUS LOVES SIMEON

LUKE 2:22-35

This story happens 40 days after Jesus was born.

- 22 The time came for making Mary "clean" as required by the Law of Moses. So Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Jerusalem. There they presented him to the Lord. 23 In the Law of the Lord it says, "The first boy born in every family must be set apart for the Lord." (Exodus 13:2,12) 24 They also offered a sacrifice. They did it in keeping with the Law, which says, "a pair of doves or two young pigeons." (Leviticus 12:8)
- **25** In Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was a good and godly man. He was waiting for God's promise to Israel to come true. The Holy Spirit was with him. **26** The Spirit had told Simeon that he What is Jesus going to save people from?would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.
- **27** The Spirit led him into the temple courtyard. Then Jesus' parents brought the child in. They came to do for him what the Law required. **28** Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said,
- **29** "Lord, you are the King over all.

Now let me, your servant, go in peace.

That is what you promised.

- **30** My eyes have seen your salvation.
- **31** You have prepared it in the sight of all nations.
- **32** It is a light to be given to the Gentiles. It will be the glory of your people Israel."
- **33** The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him. **34** Then Simeon blessed them. He said to Mary, Jesus' mother, "This child is going to cause many people in Israel to fall and to rise. God has sent him. But many will speak against him. **35** The thoughts of many hearts will be known. A sword will wound your own soul too."

What was Simeon like?

What did the Holy Spirit tell him?

Who did Simeon meet?

What are some ways Simeon describes Jesus?

What did Jesus mother and father think?

Why do you think that Jesus is so special?

Do you know what Jesus saves people from?

Spend some time thanking God for Jesus.

JESUS LOVES HIS DISCIPLES.....

LUKE 5:1-11

1 One day Jesus was standing by the Sea of Galilee. The people crowded around him and listened to the word of God. 2 Jesus saw two boats at the edge of the water. They had been left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He got into the boat that belonged to Simon. Jesus asked him to go out a little way from shore. Then he sat down in the boat and taught the people.

- **4** When he finished speaking, he turned to Simon. Jesus said, "Go out into deep water. Let down the nets so you can catch some fish."
- **5** Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."
- **6** When they had done so, they caught a large number of fish. There were so many that their nets began to break. **7** So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.
- **8** When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees. "Go away from me, Lord!" he said. "I am a sinful man!" **9** He and everyone with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught.
- 10 So were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who worked with Simon.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on you will fish for people." 11 So they

What is Simon's job?

What does Jesus tell him to do?

How many fish had Simon caught the night before? Why does Simon let down his nets?

How many fish did Simon catch?

How does Simon respond to Jesus?

What do you think fishing for people looks like? Are you following Jesus?

Would you like to follow Jesus?

JESUS LOVES A MAN WHO COULDN'T WALK

LUKE 5:17-26

- 17 One day Jesus was teaching. Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. They heard that the Lord had given Jesus the power to heal the sick. 18 So some men came carrying a man who could not walk. He was lying on a mat. They tried to take him into the house to place him in front of Jesus. 19 They could not find a way to do this because of the crowd. So they went up on the roof. Then they lowered the man on his mat through the opening in the roof tiles. They lowered him into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.
- **20** When Jesus saw that they had faith, he spoke to the man. He said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."
- **21** The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to think, "Who is this fellow who says such an evil thing? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"
- 22 Jesus knew what they were thinking. So he asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? 23 Is it easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven'? Or to say, 'Get up and walk'? 24 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he spoke to the man who could not walk. "I tell you," he said, "get up. Take your mat and go home."
- **25** Right away, the man stood up in front of them. He took his mat and went home praising God. **26** Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with wonder. They said, "We have seen unusual things today."

How did the man get into the house?

What was the first thing Jesus said to the man?

What is sin?

Who can forgive sin?

Do you think that Jesus is God?

How does Jesus prove he forgave the mans sin? How does Jesus forgive sin?

Has Jesus forgiven your sin?

Spend some time in prayer saying sorry for vour sin.

JESUS LOVES A SAD MUM

LUKE 7:11-17

11 Some time later, Jesus went to a town called Nain. His disciples and a large crowd went along with him. **12** He approached the town gate. Just then, a dead person was being carried out. He was the only son of his mother. She was a widow. A large crowd from the town was with her. **13** When the Lord saw her, he felt sorry for her. So he said, "Don't cry."

14 Then he went up and touched the coffin. Those carrying it stood still. Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" **15** The dead man sat up and began to talk. Then Jesus gave him back to his mother.

16 The people were all filled with wonder and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." **17** This news about Jesus spread all through Judea and the whole country

What happened to the mum that made her sad?

When Jesus sees the mum how does he feel?

How does Jesus help the situation?

What does this show you about Jesus power?

How do all the people respond?

Draw and label some of the different people in the story in the circles above.

What do you think about what Jesus did in this story?

How does this story give you and this world hope?

Think of someone you could share this good news with!

Think of an interesting way you could share it!

JESUS MEETS A STORM....

LUKE 8:22-25

- **22** One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and left. **23** As they sailed, Jesus fell asleep. A storm came down on the lake. It was so bad that the boat was about to sink. They were in great danger.
- **24** The disciples went and woke Jesus up. They said, "Master! Master! We're going to drown!" He got up and ordered the wind and the huge waves to stop. The storm quieted down. It was completely calm. **25** "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

They were amazed and full of fear. They asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the waves, and they obey him."

Draw what is happening in this story.

What was Jesus doing when the storm struck?

What did the disciples think would happen?

How did Jesus get the wind and the waves to stop?

Can anyone you know stop a storm?

Who do you think
Jesus is?

Jesus asks "Do you have any faith?" What were they to have faith in?

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Spend some time praying to the powerful God who has power over nature!

JESUS LOVES 5000 HUNGRY MEN....

LUKE 9:10-17

10 The disciples returned. They told Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him. They went off by themselves to a town called Bethsaida. **11** But the crowds learned about it and followed Jesus. He welcomed them and spoke to them about God's kingdom. He also healed those who needed to be healed.

12 Late in the afternoon the 12 disciples came to him. They said, "Send the crowd away. They can go to the nearby villages and countryside. There they can find food and a place to stay. There is nothing here."

13 Jesus replied, "You give them something to eat."

The disciples answered, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish. We would have to go and buy food for all this crowd." **14** About 5,000 men were there.

But Jesus said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about 50 each." **15** The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. **16** Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish. He looked up to heaven and gave thanks. He broke them into pieces. Then he gave them to the disciples to give to the people. **17** All of them ate and were satisfied. The disciples picked up 12 baskets of leftover pieces.

When the crowds came to Jesus what did he do?

What did Jesus teach the people about?

What do you think the Kingdom of heaven is?

Why do the disciples want to send the people away?

How much food do they have?

How many people are there?

How does Jesus multiply the food?

How much was left over?

What does this story teach you about how Jesus cares for people?

Draw how you feel that Jesus cares for you!

JESUS LOVES 10 MEN WITH A SKIN DISEASE...

LUKE 17:11-19

- 11 Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. He traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.
- **12** As he was going into a village, ten men met him. They had a skin disease. They were standing close by. **13** And they called out in a loud voice, "Jesus! Master! Have pity on us!"
- **14** Jesus saw them and said, "Go. Show yourselves to the priests." While they were on the way, they were healed.
- **15** When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back. He praised God in a loud voice.
- 16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan.
- 17 Jesus asked, "Weren't all ten healed? Where are the other nine? 18 Didn't anyone else return and give praise to God except this outsider?" 19 Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."

*Leprosy is a skin disease. When someone has leprosy they had to live outside the town.







What do the men ask Jesus for?

How does Jesus heal the 10 men?

What does one of the men do when he realises Jesus heals him? What happens to the nine other men?

What makes the man well?

Who does the man put his faith in?

What does this teach you about Jesus and sickness?

Make a list of things you are thankful for and spend some time praying to God.

JESUS LOVES A RICH, IMPORTANT MAN ...

LUKE 18:18-27

- **18** A certain ruler asked Jesus a question. "Good teacher," he said, "what must I do to receive eternal life?"
- **19** "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good except God. **20** You know what the commandments say. 'Do not commit adultery. Do not commit murder. Do not steal. Do not be a false witness. Honour your father and mother.'"
- 21 "I have obeyed all those commandments since I was a boy," the ruler said.
- **22** When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You are still missing one thing. Sell everything you have. Give the money to those who are poor. You will have treasure in heaven. Then come and follow me."
- 23 When the ruler heard this, he became very sad. He was very rich. 24 Jesus looked at him. Then he said, "How hard it is for rich people to enter God's kingdom! 25 Is it hard for a camel to go through the eye of a needle? It is even harder for someone who is rich to enter God's kingdom!"
- 26 Those who heard this asked, "Then who can be saved?"
- 27 Jesus replied, "Things that are impossible with people are possible with God."

What does the man want?

How do you get eternal life?

What was the man told to do with all his stuff?

Why was the man sad?

Why do you think it is hard for rich people to enter God's Kingdom?

Draw a camel going through the eye of a needle!

How can people be saved?

Who makes it possible?

Is there something in your life that is stopping you from following Jesus?

JESUS LOVES A BLIND BEGGAR.....

LUKE 18:35-43

- 35 Jesus was approaching Jericho. A blind man was sitting by the side of the road begging.
- **36** The blind man heard the crowd going by. He asked what was happening. **37** They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."
- 38 So the blind man called out, "Jesus! Son of David! Have mercy on me!"
- **39** Those who led the way commanded him to stop. They told him to be quiet. But he shouted even louder, "Son of David! Have mercy on me!"
- **40** Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When the man came near, Jesus spoke to him. **41** "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked.
- "Lord, I want to be able to see," the blind man replied.
- **42** Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight. Your faith has healed you." **43** Right away he could see. He followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.



What did the blind man want?

What did the people going along with Jesus do?

How is Jesus response to the man different?

Do you know why the blind man calls Jesus the Son of David?

How does Jesus heal the man?

Why are the blind man's eyes healed?

Who did he trust in?

What did the crowds do when they saw what happened?

Who or what do you have faith in?

Spend some time praising God for what he has done.

JESUS LOVES ZACCHAEUS

LUKE 19:1-10

1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. **2** A man named Zacchaeus lived there. He was a chief tax collector and was very rich. **3** Zacchaeus wanted to see who Jesus was. But he was a short man. He could not see Jesus because of the crowd. **4** So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree. He wanted to see Jesus, who was coming that way.

5 Jesus reached the spot where Zacchaeus was. He looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay at your house today." **6** So Zacchaeus came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

7 All the people saw this. They began to whisper among themselves. They said, "Jesus has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

8 But Zacchaeus stood up. He said, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of what I own to those who are poor. And if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay it back. I will pay back four times the amount I took."

9 Jesus said to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation has come to your house. You are a member of Abraham's family line. **10** The Son of Man came to look for the lost and save them."

What do we learn about what Zacchaeus was like before he met Jesus? How did Zac see Jesus?

Why is it so surprising that Jesus wanted to spend time with Zac?

Why does Zac change?

What does he do?

Who saves Zac?

Why did Jesus (the Son of Man) come?

Do you think you need to be saved by Jesus? Why?



JESUS LOVES A CRIMINAL

LUKE 23:32-43

- 32 Two other men were also led out with Jesus to be killed. Both of them had broken the law.
- **33** The soldiers brought them to the place called the Skull. There they nailed Jesus to the cross. He hung between the two criminals. One was on his right and one was on his left. **34** Jesus said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they are doing." The soldiers divided up his clothes by casting lots.
- **35** The people stood there watching. The rulers even made fun of Jesus. They said, "He saved others. Let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."
- **36** The soldiers also came up and poked fun at him. They offered him wine vinegar. **37** They said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."
- **38** A written sign had been placed above him. It read, this is the king of the jews.
- **39** One of the criminals hanging there made fun of Jesus. He said, "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself! Save us!"
- **40** But the other criminal scolded him. "Don't you have any respect for God?" he said. "Remember, you are under the same sentence of death. **41** We are being punished fairly. We are getting just what our actions call for. But this man hasn't done anything wrong."
- 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
- **43** Jesus answered him, "What I'm about to tell you is true. Today you will be with me in paradise."

How many people were put on crosses?

How many had broken the law?

What did the sign above Jesus say?

How did the first criminal treat Jesus?

How did the second criminal treat Jesus?

What does Jesus promise the second criminal?

How does Jesus save the criminal?

Do you believe that you will in paradise with Jesus when you die because he died for your sin on the cross?

Three days before this event, Jesus died on a cross and was placed in a tomb.

THE DISCIPLES MEET THE RESURRECTED JESUS... LUKE 24:36-49

- **36** The disciples were still talking about this when Jesus himself suddenly stood among them. He said, "May you have peace!"
- **37** They were surprised and terrified. They thought they were seeing a ghost. **38** Jesus said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do you have doubts in your minds? **39** Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me! Touch me and see. A ghost does not have a body or bones. But you can see that I do."
- **40** After he said that, he showed them his hands and feet. **41** But they still did not believe it. They were amazed and filled with joy. So Jesus asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" **42** They gave him a piece of cooked fish. **43** He took it and ate it in front of them.
- **44** Jesus said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you. Everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms must come true."
- **45** Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. **46** He told them, "This is what is written. The Messiah will suffer. He will rise from the dead on the third day. **47** His followers will preach in his name. They will tell others to turn away from their sins and be forgiven. People from every nation will hear it, beginning at Jerusalem. **48** You have seen these things with your own eyes. **49** I am going to send you what my Father has promised. But for now, stay in the city. Stay there until you have received power from heaven."

Why were the disciples frightened when Jesus appeared?

How does Jesus prove he is not a ghost?

What does Jesus do to prove he is a real human?

Why did Jesus rise from the dead?

What were the disciples told to do now that they had met the risen Jesus?

What did Jesus need to give them?

Do you believe that Jesus rose from the dead?

Who can you tell about the risen Jesus and the things you have learnt this week?