

LESSON 2
ALL SET
LUKE 1:1—4:13



1 Describe some steps parents might take to prepare a child for first grade.

2 How might a child respond to these preparations?



Read Luke 1:1—4:13, Zechariah's Profile, Mary's Profile, and the following notes:

☐ 1:13 ☐ 1:17 ☐ 1:18 ☐ 1:38 ☐ 2:8 ☐ 2:8–15 ☐ 2:49, 50 ☐ 2:52
☐ 3:15 ☐ 3:16 ☐ 3:23 ☐ 4:2

3 What was the angel's message to Zechariah (1:11–17)? How did Zechariah respond (1:18)?

4 What was the angel's message to Mary (1:26–37)? How did she respond (1:38, 46–55)?

5 What was the angel's message to the shepherds (2:8–14)? How did they respond (2:15–18)?

6 What was John the Baptist's message (3:2, 3, 7–18)? How did the people respond (3:10, 12, 14, 15)?

7 How did God prepare the world for Christ's coming?



8 How did God prepare Jesus for his public ministry?

God the Father did not spring his plan of salvation on the world. He prepared everyone involved at each step. He sent an angel to Zechariah and then Mary. He sent John the Baptist to the people. And he allowed Jesus to experience temptation directly before ministering to others. God prepared each one for what was ahead, even if none of them knew exactly what it meant or what the future held. We may not know what God is doing in our life now, but we don't have to. Whatever God is doing, he is preparing us for what he *will* do. If we will trust him and are faithful to what he has given us to do now, we will be ready when his plans for our future unfold.

9 Why was it important for God to prepare the world for Christ's coming and ministry?

10 How does God prepare people for his work today?

11 How does God's work in our life invite us to trust him for the future?



12 What past experiences has God used to prepare you for the work you do today? (Try to recall one example.)

13 What present experience requires you to trust God because you don't understand its purpose?

14 How might your present experience be preparing you for the future?

15 How can you show your trust in God through this time of preparation?

16 In what area of your life can you work on trusting God to reveal his unfolding plan?



17 How can you show your trust in God and his plan for you over the next few days or weeks?

A Why did Zechariah and Elizabeth suffer for not having a child? How did God use their suffering to bring them joy? How is their experience similar to an experience you have had?

B Read Mary's song ((1:46–55) and Zechariah's song (1:68–79). What do their words reveal about their understanding of God's character and plan? How do you celebrate when you realize God has included you in his plan?

C When an angel suddenly appeared to the shepherds, they were at first terribly frightened (2:9). Later, when they returned to their fields after seeing the baby Jesus, they were “glorifying and praising God for what the angels had told them, and because they had seen the child” (2:20). What marvelous works of God cause you to praise him?

D What enabled Simeon to die “in peace” (2:25–32)? In what ways is he an example of faithfulness? In what ways can you demonstrate the same kind of faithfulness in your life?

E What do we learn about Jesus as an adolescent (2:41–52)? What does he show us about a balanced life? How might this affect our relationships?

F What was unusual about John the Baptist's ministry (3:1–20)? What basic message did he preach, and how did he get his point across? In what ways is your life like his?

G Why was Jesus baptized (3:21, 22)? What did he show us by way of example?

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