

Lesson 1

1. Welcome to your first day of school!
2. This year, we will be reading the Gospel of Luke before we begin the poetical books of the Old Testament.
3. Read Luke 1:1-38.
4. Why does Luke research what happened and write about Jesus' life as well?
5. We don't know who Theophilus is.
6. Joseph was going to divorce Mary for being pregnant with a baby that was not his child. Mary's whole life could have been "ruined." But she does not argue or complain, she submits to God's plan for her life. This will never happen to you, but if God chooses something else that's hard for your life, do you think you could submit to it cheerfully? The fact is, all Christians will face struggles. God allows them in our lives for His greater purpose. It can be hard to submit cheerfully and trust Him to bring about good from it.
7. Check your answers.
8. This is the end of your work for this course for your first day. You are allowed to move at your own pace (this is homeschooling), but it's intended you complete one lesson a day.

Lesson 2

1. This year we're going to be reading the poetry books of the Bible. One of them is Psalms, a collection of songs. There are many songs in the Bible. Two are in chapter 1 of Luke.
2. Read Luke 1:39-80.
3. What do Mary and Zechariah sing about?
4. What does Zechariah's song say about John the Baptist?
5. Check your answers.

Lesson 3

1. Read Luke 2:1-20.
2. What do you think the shepherds thought for the next 30 years before Jesus started doing ministry?
3. Do you think they recognized who Jesus was when He became famous? Do you think they ever saw Jesus again?
4. You can see on the map on the next page that Bethlehem is close to Jerusalem. (Look for the big word JUDEA – Jerusalem is above it and Bethlehem below.) The Great Sea is the Mediterranean Sea.
5. Why do you think angels appeared to shepherds and not to rich and powerful people?
6. What do you think is the most remarkable part of the story of Jesus' birth?



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