

Saint Luke the Evangelist

The Doctor Who Listened

Ages about 7-11 | Video 7:28 | Group lesson about 25-35 minutes

Central truth Luke's story joins care for people with care for the truth. His Gospel and Acts help others know Jesus' mercy and the continuing work of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

Learning goals Children will name Luke's two biblical books, use a Gospel example to describe mercy, and practice retelling a message without inventing details.

Gather Video access, one handout per child, pencils or crayons, and a Bible.

Watch online [Open this video on Servus Dei](#)

Before watching | 2 minutes

Ask: What helps someone tell a story accurately? Watch how listening serves Luke both as a doctor and as a writer.

Watch and notice

Notice the Gospel stories named in the film: the shepherds, Good Samaritan, and returning son. Choose one as evidence of the mercy Luke helps us know.

Talk together | 6-8 minutes

1. How did listening help Luke care for people?

He noticed their pain and asked questions instead of rushing. The film connects this care with his desire to understand the truth about Jesus.

2. Which two biblical books does the Church attribute to Luke?

The Gospel according to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. One tells of Jesus' earthly life and saving work; the other follows the early Church.

3. What does one of the stories in the film show about mercy?

The Samaritan stops to care for a wounded person; the father welcomes his returning son. Invite children to choose and explain one example.

4. Why does Acts matter after Jesus' Ascension?

Jesus does not abandon his Church. The Holy Spirit strengthens the apostles and the Gospel continues to spread.

Then respond and pray Allow 6-8 minutes for a handout or the activity on page 2; finish with the closing prayer.

Lead the response

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Short family lesson Watch the video, choose one recall question and one application question, then pray. About 12-18 minutes; the handout is optional.

Choose a handout

Draw & Tell Children picture one mercy story Luke records and then show themselves listening carefully to someone. Ask them to explain how listening might lead to care.

Read & Write Children distinguish Gospel and Acts, support a statement about mercy with a story, and write questions that clarify rather than assume.

Adapt by readiness

Ages 7-8: choose one familiar story and retell it with a beginning, a need, and a caring response.

Ages 9-11: distinguish what someone actually said from what we guessed. Connect careful investigation with Luke 1:1-4.

Listen, retell, check | Optional 4 minutes

One partner describes an ordinary activity in three short sentences. The listener retells it; the speaker checks for additions or missing details. Ask one gentle clarifying question. Explain how this practice serves truth and respect.

Look for understanding Look for Luke and Acts, a specific mercy example, and a question that seeks understanding without inventing an answer.

Closing prayer God, help us listen with care and speak what is true. Let the Gospel shape our words and actions. Saint Luke, pray for us. Amen.

At home Read Luke 10:30-37 with an adult. Name what the Samaritan noticed, what he did, and one safe way you can help someone.

Handout answer notes The Gospel tells of Jesus; Acts follows the early Church through the Holy Spirit's work. Accept a specific mercy example and an open, respectful question rather than an assumption.

Teach with care

Have a Bible ready to find Luke and Acts. Explain that the film imagines everyday medical conversations to illustrate Luke's careful attention. Luke's Gospel is inspired Scripture, not simply a modern report. His prologue describes careful investigation of received testimony. The film's imagined details are not extra biblical facts. The Good Samaritan is Jesus' parable, not an event Luke claims to have witnessed.

Words to explain Evangelist: a writer of one of the four Gospels. Witness: someone who can tell what they saw or experienced. Acts: the biblical book about the early Church and its mission.

Sources for the leader

Luke's purpose: [Luke 1:1-4](#)

The continuing account: [Acts 1:1-8](#)

Traditional identity: [Vatican News: 18 October](#)

Listening that leads to care

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Luke helps us hear stories of Jesus' mercy.

Name _____

Adult helper Read aloud. Invite drawing, pointing, or spoken answers. Writing is optional.

1 Draw one mercy story named in the video.



2 Draw yourself listening carefully to someone who needs care.



Tell What did your listener notice? What could happen next?

Pray God, help me listen carefully and speak truthfully. Amen.

At home Share your picture and one thing you learned about God or following Jesus.

A careful storyteller

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Listen for truth and look for mercy in Luke's story.

Name _____

1 Two books, one mission

What does Luke's Gospel tell about? What does Acts tell about?

The Gospel tells ...

2 Use a story as evidence

Choose a story named in the film. How does it show mercy?

In the story of ...

3 Ask before assuming

Someone says, 'Today was hard.' What gentle question could you ask?

I could ask ...

Pray God, help me listen carefully and speak truthfully. Amen.

Go deeper Why might an interesting extra detail make a retelling less truthful?