The Gospel of Luke - Lesson 1,

Luke 1:1-25

Who was Luke?

Luke was a doctor who travelled with Paul and wrote Luke and Acts.

Quote:

"Without any doubt the prime purpose of the first two chapters of Luke's Gospel is to record the incarnation of the Son of God" David Gooding

What do you think "incarnation of the Son of God" means?

Instructions:

Read the passages, then answer the questions.

Read <u>Luke 1:1-7</u>

- 1. Who was Luke writing to and why?
- 2. Answer these historical questions:
 - Who was the king of Judea at the time of this story?
 - What was the name of the Jewish priest in this story?
 - What was the priest's wife's name and who was she descended from?
- 3. Describe the couple's character.
- 4. How can we help couples today that cannot have children? What could people do in Jesus' time?

Chat about these words from the passage:

fulfilled/eyewitness/disciples/investigated/honorable/commandment/conceive

Read <u>Luke 1:8-25</u>

- 5. Where was Zechariah serving God and what was he doing?
- 6. What kind of being appeared to him and what did he say would happen?
- 7. What would be the name of the child and who would he be like?
- 8. What would this child do? (verse 17)
- 9. What was Zechariah's objection? What would happen to him because he did not believe?
- 10. What did the people realize Zechariah had seen?
- 11. What happened to his wife?
- 12. What was Elizabeth's opinion of God? (verse 25) How do you feel about God? What words would you use to describe Him?

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Chat about these words from the passage:

custom/incense/sanctuary/angel/overwhelmed/alcoholic/gestures/disgrace

True or False:

- a) The priest's name was Herod
- b) The angel said that Zechariah's wife would have a daughter called Joanna
- c) The people waiting outside thought that Zechariah had become ill
- d) When Zechariah's week of service was finished, he returned home to the temple.

For Discussion:

What do you think about this story? Why do you think it might be important? Why do you think an angel appeared to Zechariah? What would you do if an angel appeared to you? What gestures would you use to describe an angel if you couldn't talk? Do you think it is still possible for an angel to appear today?

Notes:			

More Research

Five Things to Know About Luke from the Bible.