

## Closing Reflection

Luke 1 asks every reader to notice how God begins His saving work quietly: in prayer, in waiting, in impossible promises, and in willing obedience.

### Three invitations from the text

- **Trust God in the silence** - Zechariah learns that delay is not absence.
- **Say yes with humility** - Mary models surrendered faith.
- **Praise God for fulfilled mercy** - Elizabeth and Zechariah turn promise into worship.

### Memorable lines

*"For nothing will be impossible with God."*

*"Behold, I am the servant of the Lord."*

*"My soul magnifies the Lord."*

*"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel."*

### Suggested use

Print double-sided on letter paper, flip on the short edge, and fold once down the middle.



# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Chapter 1

## From Promise to Praise

A folded playbill for teaching, reading, or dramatic Scripture presentation

### Key themes

Promise • Faith • Reversal • Praise •  
Preparation

### Primary settings

Temple • Judean hill country • Nazareth •  
Bethlehem in promise

## Quick Guide

This sample playbill treats Luke 1 like a six-scene sacred drama. It works well for adult Bible study, youth teaching, or a Scripture reading service.

### Scene arc

1. Gabriel appears to Zechariah in the temple
2. Promise of John the forerunner
3. Gabriel visits Mary in Nazareth
4. Mary visits Elizabeth and sings praise
5. John is born and named
6. Zechariah prophesies the coming salvation

### Teaching aim

Show how Luke begins with God keeping covenant promises: the way is prepared, the Savior is announced, and praise rises before the public ministry begins.

# Order of Presentation

## Act I - In the Temple

Gabriel interrupts Zechariah's priestly service with a promise of a son.

## Act II - The Forerunner Promised

John is announced as the child who will prepare people for the Lord.

## Act III - Favored in Nazareth

Mary hears that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

## Act IV - Song in the Hill Country

Elizabeth blesses Mary, and Mary magnifies the Lord.

## Act V - Birth and Naming of John

The promised child is born, and Zechariah's tongue is loosed.

## Act VI - Benedictus

Zechariah blesses God for redemption and the dawn from on high.

# Cast of Characters

<b>Gabriel</b>	Heaven's messenger announcing births and God's purpose.
<b>Zechariah</b>	Priest whose silence gives way to praise.
<b>Elizabeth</b>	Faithful mother of John and witness to God's mercy.
<b>Mary</b>	Humble servant who receives the promise with faith.
<b>Joseph</b>	Named quietly as the house of David into which Jesus is born.
<b>John</b>	Promised forerunner who will prepare the Lord's way.
<b>Jesus</b>	The Son of the Most High, promised Savior and King.
<b>Holy Spirit</b>	The divine presence filling, guiding, and overshadowing.

# Themes to Watch For

**Promise** - God remembers His covenant and speaks into a waiting world.

**Faith** - Mary receives the word with trust; Zechariah grows into believing praise.

**Reversal** - God lifts the humble and unsettles the proud.

**Preparation** - John's birth prepares the way for the Lord.

**Praise** - Luke 1 is filled with blessing, song, and prophecy.

## Director's Note

Luke 1 moves from silence to speech, from old longing to new announcement. Before Jesus is seen, He is promised. Before the road is walked, the way is prepared. The chapter teaches the church to read history as the stage on which God keeps His word.

## Optional prop ideas

Incense bowl • Lamp • Scroll • Cradle cloth • Name tablet • Song sheet