



A Light to Reveal God (Luke 2:30-32) – Christmas

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One Story Resources – Day 358

- **Reading Plan**
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- **Let's Talk Calendar**
- **Kids Podcast**
- **OWNit365 Podcast**

At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. **Luke 2:1 NLT**

(This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **Luke 2:2 NLT**

All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. **Luke 2:3 NLT**

And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. **Luke 2:4 NLT**

He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. **Luke 2:5 NLT**

And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. **Luke 2:6 NLT**

She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. **Luke 2:7 NLT**

When Simeon and Anna saw Jesus (Luke 2:22-40)

Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. **Luke 2:22 NLT**

The law of the Lord says, “If a woman’s first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the LORD.” **Luke 2:23 NLT**

So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—“either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” **Luke 2:24 NLT**

Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. **Luke 2:29 NLT**

I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. **Luke 2:30-31 NLT**

He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!” **Luke 2:32 NLT**

She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem. **NLT 2:38 Luke**

He is a light to reveal God to the nations... **Luke 2:32 NLT**

Jesus revealed who God is

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” **John 14:8 NLT**

Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? **John 14:9 NLT**

What brings God joy?

What brings God to tears?

What causes God to run?

I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. **Luke 2:30-31 NLT**

Jesus revealed what salvation is

Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.
NLT 2:9 Ephesians

Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us. **NLT 2:18 Ephesians**

What if I try really hard?

What if I attend church?

What if I get baptized?

Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. **John 14:6 NL**

This Week's One Story Bible Readings:

- 358. Revelation 19:1-10, Matthew 22:1-14, 2 Corinthians 11:1-4
- 359. Revelation 19:11-21, Zechariah 14:1-15, 2 Thessalonians 1
- 360. Revelation 20:1-10, Zechariah 14:16-21, Luke 19:11-27
- 361. Revelation 20:11-13, Romans 2:1-16, Romans 3:9-26
- 362. Revelation 20:14-15, Luke 16:19-31, Isaiah 66:22-24
- 363. Revelation 21, Isaiah 65:17-25, 2 Peter 3
- 364. Reflection and Prayer
- 365. Revelation 22, Isaiah 9:6-7, Ephesians 1:1-1