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# The Travelling Doctor



GOD'S WORDS are First Aid for OUR SOULS



Family Faith Fun

There are many dates in the Church calendar that celebrate special people who in the past were noted for their faith in Jesus. They have often been given the title of Saint (St). One such person was a man called Luke, whose special day is October 18<sup>th</sup>. He is believed to have been a doctor, who collected the stories of Jesus life and work from those who had known him, possible even his mother Mary when she was an old lady. He wrote down all the information he collected in the book in the Bible called the Gospel of Luke, as well as the one about the Acts of the Apostles.



A painting of Luke writing down the words of St Paul.

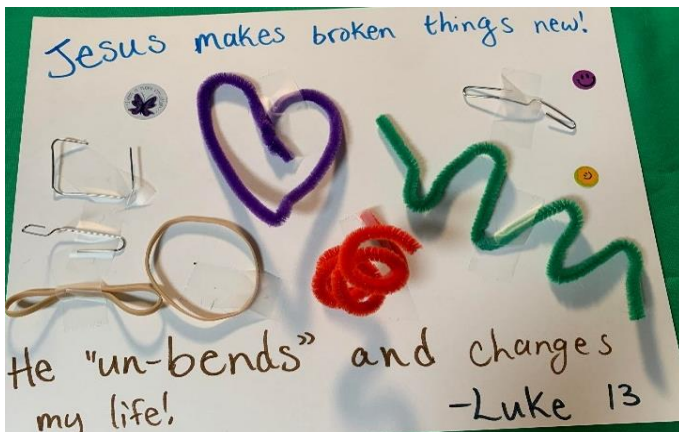
Luke seems to be particular in recording in his Gospel, the miracles of healing performed by Jesus, one such incident is in chapter 13:v10-13, when Jesus healed a crippled woman.

*'He placed His hands on her, and at once she straightened herself up and praised God'*  
Luke travelled with Paul on many of his missionary journeys. It is thought that Luke wrote out the letters Paul sent to the early Christian groups that began to grow in the towns they had visited. It is also probable that Luke cared for Paul whenever he became ill when on his travels. In a letter from Paul to the people of Colossus, Paul refers to him as "my dear friend Luke the doctor." (*Colossians 4:14*).

For this reason Luke has been regarded as the patron saint of doctors, and many medical organisations and hospitals bear his name. His special day, October 18<sup>th</sup>, is a time to remember all those who care for the sick in our hospitals and communities today.

**Remembering the verse about the crippled woman who was able to straighten herself up when Jesus healed her, write on a sheet of paper or card the caption,**

**Jesus "un-bends" our mistakes and makes us new.**



To decorate the sheet tape on bent pieces of pipecleaners, rubber bands, string, and paper clips, or anything else that's bent (see picture) to the top half of the sheet.

Then perhaps add some "unbent" items, such as paper clips that have been straightened out, below them and add the second text:

**He "un-bends" and changes my life!**

**Hang the poster up to remind you of how Jesus can make our lives right again.**

**Write out some prayers for those who are sick, in body or mind, to ask God to comfort and heal them.**



St. Luke is also the patron saint of painter and sculptors. Not much is really known about him, but some believe that Luke was the first icon painter. Icons were paintings that symbolized important people in the faith - apostles, saints, prophets. They are not actual portraits, nobody made pictures while the subjects were alive. He is said to have painted this picture of the Virgin Mary and Child. We don't know if that is true. Icon paintings often had quite a lot of gold and rich colours to make them especially beautiful for God.



Colour in this icon type picture of St Luke with your best colours. Can you see what he is holding? And do you see the angel looking over his shoulder, and the bull by his head which is a symbol of St Luke.

October 31<sup>st</sup> is traditionally “HALLOWEEN”- or All Hallows Eve (Hallow means Holy). 1<sup>st</sup> November is All Hallows Day (or All Saint’s Day) when we celebrate the lives of the Saints. A Halloween tradition used to be to hollow out turnips to make lanterns but now we have adopted the American idea of carving pumpkins. The faces in them were said to frighten away witches and other unwelcome visitors. But instead of trying to scare people away, why not carve your pumpkin with a friendly face. If you don't have a pumpkin, you could make a **Pumpkin Windsock** -see below.

Draw round a plate onto orange card, twice, or draw your own pumpkin shape twice. Cut those out then on some yellow or white paper cut out 2 crosses for eyes, a nose, and mouth, and stick them to one of the circles. Cut out a brown stem and green leaf. Add several pieces of streamer, made from crepe or tissue paper, or ribbons, to the bottom of one of the circles and then staple or glue the two together. Add a hanging loop to the top.



Copy out this text to stick to the back of your windsock as a reminder of how we all should be

Let me shine with the Light of Jesus,  
 Let my eyes see the beauty all around,  
 Never let me turn up my nose to others,  
 And let my mouth share the Good News I  
 have found!