

“If only God would show his power to me, then I’d believe...”
Have you ever heard people say this? Maybe you have even said this yourself?
What would Jesus say to this?

We have seen people respond to Jesus in different ways (v15, 16, 27).
What is *your* response to Jesus?

Pray about these things.

rejecting the king



Luke's story of Jesus chapter 11:14-36



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The story so far...

So far in Luke's account of Jesus, Jesus' teachings and miracles have amazed everyone. Many people love him, but others do not accept him or his teaching. Jesus is revealed as God's chosen king, but the path ahead for him (and his followers) will not be easy. Now King Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem, where he will eventually be killed.

Responding to Jesus

Read **Luke 11:14-36**.

Are there any difficult words?

Re-read **Luke 11:14**.

What happens? What does this show us about Jesus?

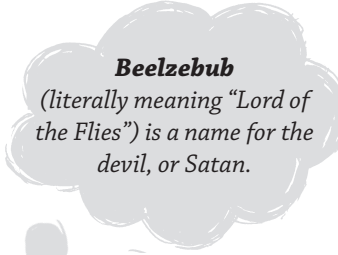
Re-read **Luke 11:15-16**.

Here we see two different reactions to what Jesus did. What are they?

Jesus answers the accusation of the first group.

Read **Luke 11:17-26**.

What alternative explanation does he give for what they are seeing?



Beelzebub
(literally meaning "Lord of the Flies") is a name for the devil, or Satan.

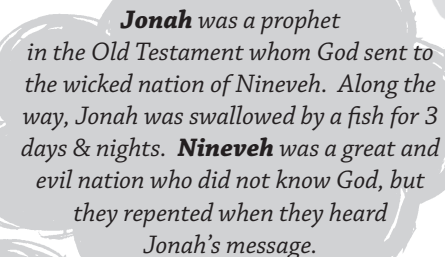
What decision does this leave us with?

Read **Luke 11:27-28**. What sort of positive response is Jesus looking for?

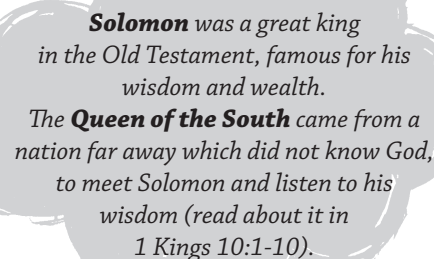
Read **Luke 11:29-36**. Now Jesus answers the second group (v.16), who asked for a sign.

What was wrong with this request?

Why does Jesus call this a "wicked generation"?



Jonah was a prophet in the Old Testament whom God sent to the wicked nation of Nineveh. Along the way, Jonah was swallowed by a fish for 3 days & nights. **Nineveh** was a great and evil nation who did not know God, but they repented when they heard Jonah's message.



Solomon was a great king in the Old Testament, famous for his wisdom and wealth. The **Queen of the South** came from a nation far away which did not know God, to meet Solomon and listen to his wisdom (read about it in 1 Kings 10:1-10).

In Luke 2:32, Jesus has already been identified as God's light of salvation. What do you think is the point of the lamp/eyes metaphor (**11:33-36**)?