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Luke 3:18 (CEV)*
 - By Listening (Auditory)
 - By Watching/Reading (Visual)
 - By Talking (Verbal/Oral)
 - By Doing it (Physical/Kinesthetic)

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