



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

Jesus Was Dedicated

Luke 2

STORY POINT: SIMEON AND ANNA WORSHIPPED JESUS AS THE MESSIAH.

One day, when Jesus was a few weeks old, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem. At the temple, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus to the Lord and offered two birds as a sacrifice.

Another man was at the temple. His name was Simeon. God's Spirit was with Simeon, and God had told Simeon that he would not die until he saw the One who would rescue people from their sin.

Simeon saw Jesus and picked Him up in his arms. Simeon said that Jesus would save God's people, the Israelites, and Jesus would also save people from other nations.

A woman named Anna was at the temple too. Anna came up to Simeon, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and she began to thank God.

Anna talked about Jesus to people who were waiting for God to keep His promise to send a Savior. She told them the good news: the Savior was here!

Mary and Joseph finished dedicating Jesus and making sacrifices to God. Jesus grew up and was strong and healthy. He was wise, and God was happy with Him.



Christ Connection: Throughout the Old Testament, God promised the arrival of a king who would redeem people.

When Jesus arrived, Simeon and Anna knew He was the promised Messiah. Today, we have faith that Jesus is God's Son. We can trust Jesus for our salvation, and like Simeon and Anna, we should share the good news.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How can we know for sure that Jesus is God's Son?
- Discuss your family's commitment to following and serving the Lord together.
- How should we spend our time waiting for Jesus' second coming?

Seeing for Yourself

Cross out these words to find Simeon's message:

- contains 5 vowels
- is a color
- is an even number
- begins and ends with the same letter
- is a book of the Bible



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Who Did What?

Match each person from the Bible story to the correct description. Find and read the Bible references to check your work.

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| Mary | • The Holy Spirit led him to the temple. (Luke 2:27-28) |
| Joseph | • He was dedicated to the Lord when He was a baby. (Luke 2:21-22) |
| Jesus | • She was told that being Jesus' mother would be difficult. (Luke 2:34-35) |
| Simeon | • She was a widow who told people about Jesus. (Luke 2:36-38) |
| Anna | • He and Mary were amazed at what Simeon said about Jesus. (Luke 2:16,33) |

