

Journal Page



- 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?

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?

Jesus Was Dedicated

Luke 2

STORY POINT: SIMEON AND ANNA WORSHIPED 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.



What Does Not Belong?

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the ten things that do not belong in the picture.



Preschool Activity Pages
Unit 19 • Session 4
Jesus Was Dedicated

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Mary and Joseph took Baby Jesus to the temple.
- Simeon thanked God for keeping His promise to Simeon to let him see the Messiah.
- Anna the prophetess told other people that the Savior had come.
- Simeon and Anna worshiped Jesus.

KEY PASSAGE: John 1:1

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Is Jesus God or a human? Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How did God keep the promise He made to Simeon?
- Why do you think Simeon said being Jesus' mother would be good but hard for Mary?
- What did Simeon and Anna do that we get to do now?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

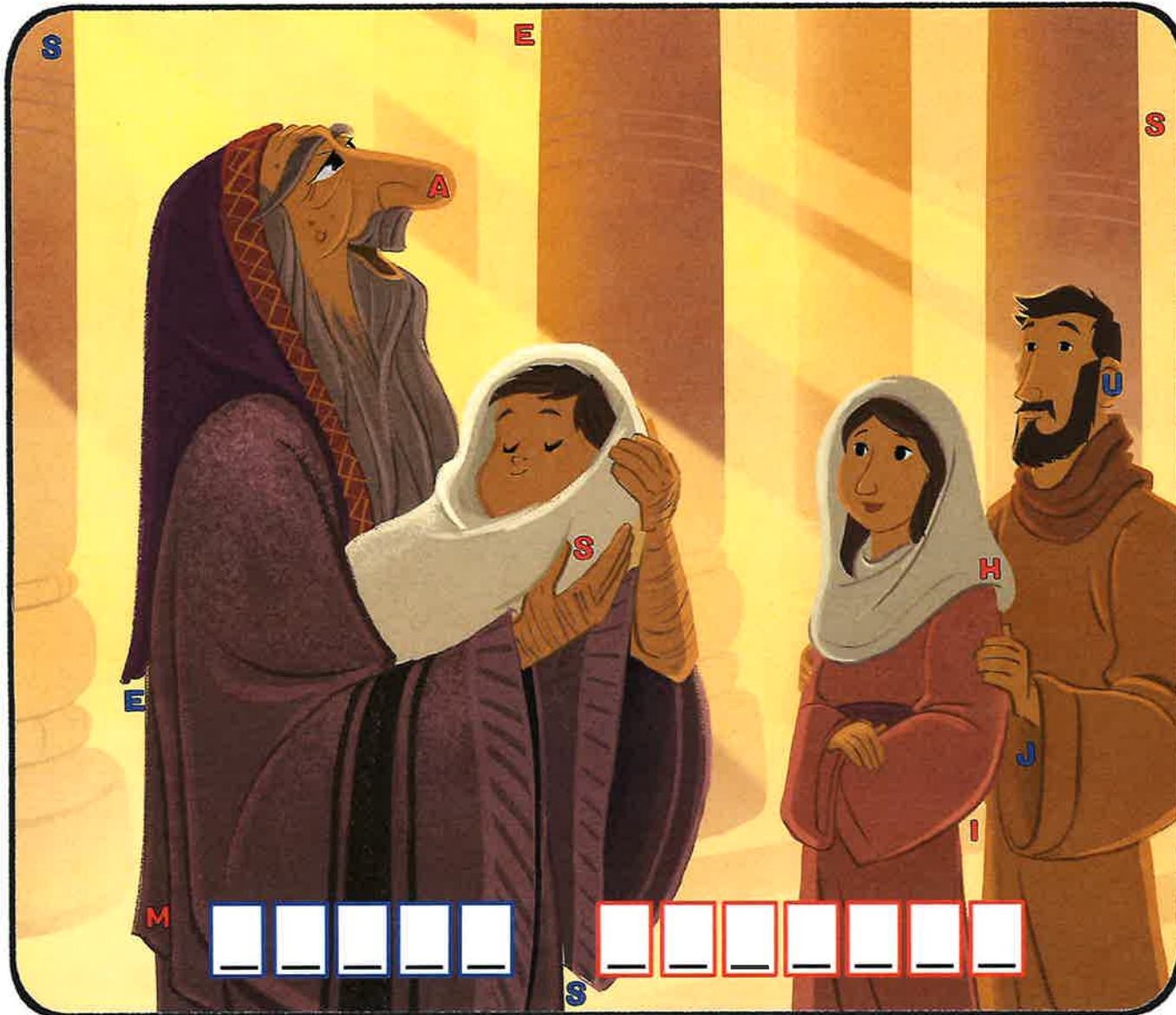
- If any of your children were dedicated before your congregation, tell them about the experience. Show pictures and explain the purpose of the dedication. Talk about how Jesus' dedication was different because He is God's Son.



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Waiting for Whom?

INSTRUCTIONS: Find the color-coded, hidden letters and unscramble them to learn whom Simeon and Anna waited for.



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Jesus Was Dedicated

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple as a baby to obey God's law.
- Simeon and Anna waited a long time to meet the Messiah.
- Simeon and Anna worshiped Jesus as the Messiah.

KEY PASSAGE: John 1:1-2

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How did Simeon know who Jesus is?
- What did Anna do after meeting Jesus?
- How can we worship Jesus as the Messiah?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Play a game with your kids to encourage and demonstrate patience. Offer them half a treat, explaining that they can have the full treat if they wait five minutes before eating the offered half. Discuss why waiting for Jesus would have been difficult but worth the wait.



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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

Eye green I river have
Numbers seen harsh the beautiful
yellow One Two who Four Job dad
information will ease save blue people
celebration from Acts their six sin.



Who Did What?

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

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)

