



WEEK 8 DAY 1 Jesus Was Dedicated

REVIEW: Jesus had an earthly family, just as we do. Jesus' family line proved He is the Messiah. Jesus is the fulfillment of all God's promises to Adam, Abraham, David, and more. Then we learned that God sent a messenger to go before Jesus just as He promised He would. John was born to prepare the way for Jesus. Last week, we finally got to the moment God's people had been waiting for: Jesus was born to be God's promised Savior. This week, we'll learn about the time Jesus was dedicated in the temple.

Step 1: Watch

<https://www.crosssound.org/family-videos>

Step 2: Read

Luke 2:22-24 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+2%3A22-24+&version=ESV>

Step 3: Discuss Story

- Why did Joseph and Mary bring Jesus to the temple to be dedicated?
- Where was the temple located?
- According to the Law of the Lord (Lev 12:3-4), how old was Jesus when they brought him there?
- What sacrifice did they offer?

Step 4: Worship – sing “Jesus Messiah”

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Step 5: Pray

Ask for everyone to share a prayer request and something they want to thank the Lord for, and then take turns praying out loud.

Curriculum Notes:

Jesus was still a small baby when Mary and Joseph took Him to Jerusalem. You see, God's law in the Old Testament said that every firstborn male was to be dedicated to the Lord. [Choose a volunteer to read aloud Ex. 13:2,12.] Mary and Joseph wanted to obey God's law, so they took Jesus to the temple to be dedicated.



WEEK 8 DAY 2 Jesus Was Dedicated

Step 1: Read

Luke 2:25-32 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+2%3A25-32+&version=ESV>

Step 2: Discuss Story

- Who approached them in the temple?
- How is Simeon described in this passage, and what was he waiting for?
- What had been revealed to him?
- How did he respond when Joseph and Mary entered the temple?
- Why could he now “depart in peace”?

Step 3: Review

STORY POINT: Simeon and Anna worshiped Jesus as the Messiah.

MEMORY VERSE: John 1:1-2 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.”

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

Step 4: Worship – sing “Waiting Here for You”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3OEGnH5x8g>

Step 5: Pray

Ask for everyone to share a prayer request and something they want to thank the Lord for, and then take turns praying out loud.

Bonus Family Activity

Complete the “Waiting for Whom” Activity Page, and talk about how you feel when you are waiting for things. How do you feel when you’re waiting for your favorite roller coaster ride versus waiting for a doctor appointment?



WEEK 8 DAY 3 Jesus Was Dedicated

Step 1: Read

Luke 2:33-35 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+2%3A33-35&version=ESV>

Step 2: Discuss Story

- How did Joseph and Mary respond to Simeon's words?
- What do you think Simeon means when he refers to the fall and rising of many in Israel? (Hint: those who are prideful and don't trust Jesus will fall in judgment, but those who are humble and trust Jesus will rise in salvation).
- How would a sword pierce Mary's heart?
- How would the thoughts of many hearts be revealed?

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Step 4: Worship – Sing "Here I am to Worship"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EObAHkyMKkc>

Step 5: Pray

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Bonus Family Activity

Popcorn Praise! Explain that you will work together to tap inflated balloons into the air so they don't fall to the floor. Each time you tap a balloon, you should say something to complete this sentence: "God, I praise You because ..." Begin with one balloon. Gradually introduce additional balloons. When Simeon saw Jesus, he praised God. We can praise God and worship Jesus as the Messiah as well!





WEEK 8 DAY 4 Jesus Was Dedicated

Step 1: Read

Luke 2:36-38 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+2%3A36-38&version=ESV>

Step 2: Discuss Story

- Who approached Joseph and Mary next?
- How is Anna described in this passage and how old is she?
- How often was she at the temple?
- How did she respond at the very hour Jesus entered the temple?

Step 3: Review

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Step 4: Worship - imagine being Anna in the temple and sing “Great Are You Lord”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZqV6i98SkA>

Step 5: Pray

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Bonus 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.



WEEK 8 DAY 5 Jesus Was Dedicated

Step 1: Read

Luke 2:39-40 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+2%3A39-40&version=ESV>

Step 2: Discuss Story

- When did Joseph and Mary leave the temple?
- Where did they return to?
- How is Jesus described as a child?
- How can each of us grow strong and be filled with wisdom?

Step 3: Review

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Step 4: Worship

Thinking about our memory verse, sing “Ancient of Days” by CityAlight

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPpGphzScjA>

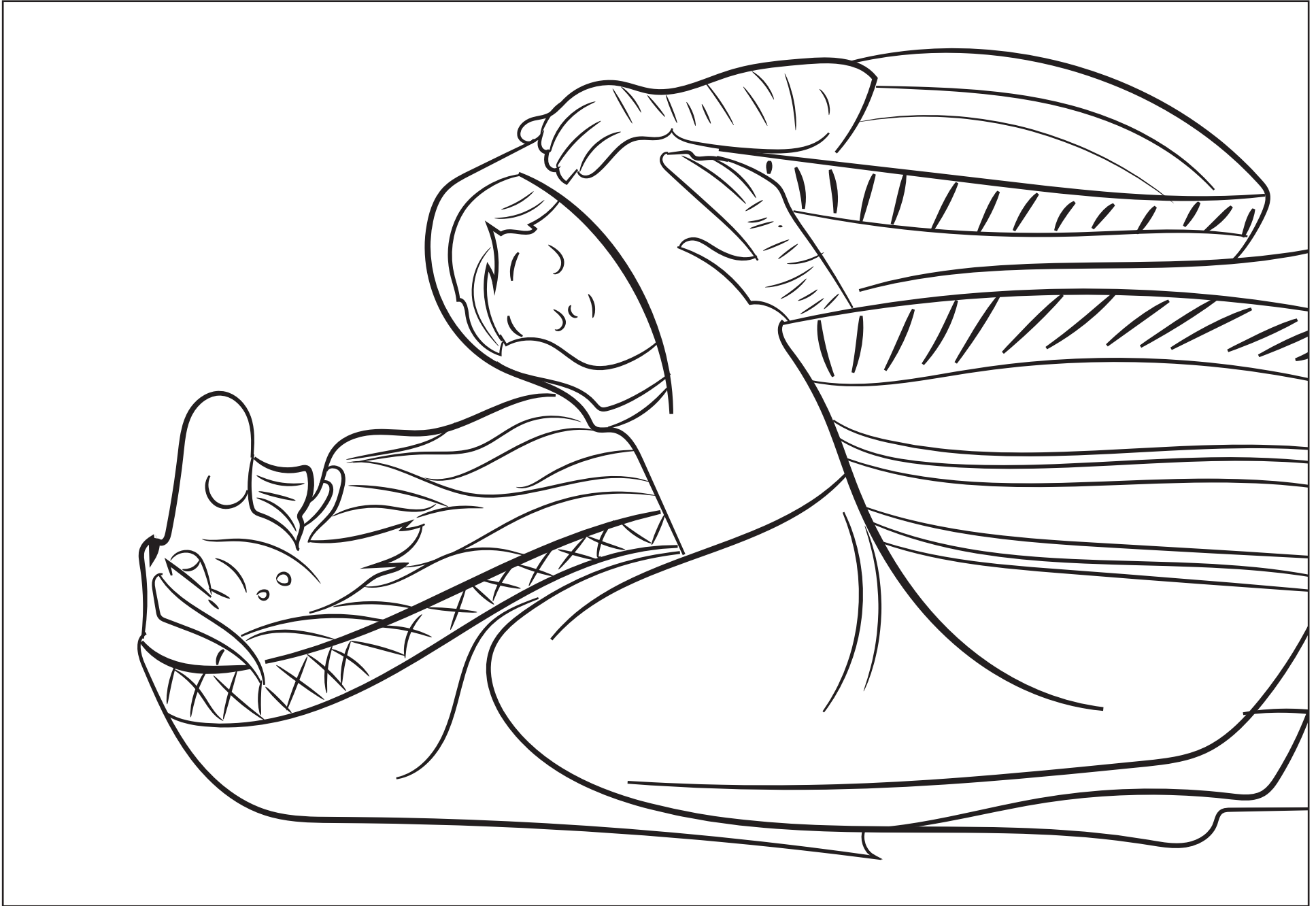
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Bonus Family Activity

Check out this weeks activity sheets (attached below) for The Gospel Project.





Waiting for Whom?

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



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:

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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?

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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.



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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)





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APPLY the Story

- Why did Mary and Joseph dedicate Jesus? Why do some parents dedicate their children today?

- What does a life lived for God look like? How should the life of someone who trusts in Jesus as Lord and Savior differ from the life of someone who doesn't?

- Why can we have peace even in difficult circumstances?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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