

BIBLE PASSAGE: Luke 2:21-38

Waiting for God's Promise-Simeon and Anna

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Mary and Joseph have to take Jesus to the temple? (To dedicate Jesus to God)
2. What did God promise Simeon? (To see Jesus before he died)
3. How did God keep His promise? (He helped Simeon recognize that baby Jesus was Gods son)
4. What did Simeon do when he saw Jesus? (He praised God for keeping His promise, He worshipped Jesus)
5. Who was Anna? (Older lady who lived at the temple)
6. What did she do when she saw Jesus? (She praised Him and started telling others about Jesus)
7. What do we need to believe by faith? (Jesus is Gods son, Jesus died for our sins)
8. How should we live our lives as we wait for God's promises (learning His word, through prayer, growing closer to God, telling others about Him)
9. What does our lesson today teach us about who God is? (Answers vary-He keeps His promises, He is trustworthy, He is truth)

***Recall the Bible story**

Things you need: "Simeon and Anna" coloring page and crayons

As your child colors, ask them the discussion questions. Help them answer any questions and see if they have any additional questions.

***Decoder Game**

Things you need: "Simeon Recognizes Jesus Decoder" page and a pencil or crayon

Help your child discover the words that are important to our Bible passage and video today.

***Activity Sheets**

Things you need: Print the additional activity sheets.

Have some fun reinforcing what the Bible taught us today.

***Looking Forward To.....**

Things you need: A calendar and special dates to come in 2021

Look at the calendar with your child and count how long it will be until their birthday, school starting, Easter, summer vacation, etc. Talk to them about how Simeon and Anna had no idea when Jesus the Messiah would be sent by God but they obeyed God and waited faithfully. They believed God's promises and we can too!

Pray

Waiting can be hard sometimes. What is hard for you to wait upon? Maybe your birthday, a grandparent's visit, or going on a vacation? Pray that God will help you wait for things to happen, even if you do not know when. One day, Jesus will return to earth and we don't know exactly when. Pray that you will be ready for Him when He gets here!

***Bible Verse Review**

"May the Lord of peace give you peace at all times in every way. May the Lord be with you all." 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Simeon and Anna



Simeon and Anna Thank God

Luke 2

Simeon Recognizes Jesus

Decoder

Simeon Recognizes Jesus

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Luke 2:25-26 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



V	C	Y	U	K	S	N	Z	W	O	X	R	H	M	G	D	I	Q	T	P	J	F	L	B	A	E
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- 21-26-6-4-6 _____
- 21-10-6-26-20-13 _____
- 14-25-12-3 _____
- 6-17-14-26-10-7 _____
- 16-26-1-10-4-19 _____
- 19-26-14-20-23-26 _____
- 2-13-17-23-16 _____
- 20-12-10-14-17-6-26-16 _____

MARY	CHILD	PROMISED	DEVOUT
JESUS	TEMPLE	JOSEPH	SIMEON



Simeon and Anna Saw Jesus

Jesus is God's Son. *Luke 1:35*

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Simeon Recognizes Jesus

Word Search

Simeon Recognizes Jesus

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Based on Luke 2:22-40 (NIV)



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A T S M I I S M M E K E R Z Y
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SPIRIT
CHILD
PARENTS
SIMEON

RIGHTEOUS
DEVOUT
SALVATION
PROMISED

PRAISED
LIGHT
ISRAEL
DOVES

COURTS
JOSEPH
REVEALED
SACRIFICE

TEMPLE
JESUS
PIGEONS
MARY