

Week 30 Parent Sheet: Simeon and Anna Meet Baby Jesus

Luke 2:25-38 NIV

God enabled them to know that the baby Jesus was the Promised Savior of the world!

Bethlehem Family Childcare – Wednesdays: Story Time (9:30-10:00) and Bible Time (10:00-10:30)

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Many Events of Jesus' Life in Chronological Order:

- Born (5 BC)
- Named – when 8 days old
- Presented at the Temple – when 40 days old
- Visited by Wise Men – when about 2 months old
- Fled to Egypt – when about 2 months old
- Returned to live in Nazareth – when 8 months old
- His parents thought He was lost – when 12 years old
- Baptized by John – when 30 years old
- Some important events of His three-year ministry:
 - ♦ Tempted in the wilderness
 - ♦ Moved from Nazareth to Capernaum
 - ♦ Called His disciples
 - ♦ Preached the Sermon on the Mount
 - ♦ Performed many miracles
 - ♦ Sent out His disciples to heal and teach
 - ♦ Warned about persecution
 - ♦ Told many parables
 - ♦ Heard of the death of John the Baptist
 - ♦ More miracles and teaching
 - ♦ Transfigured, Moses and Elijah appeared with Him
 - ♦ More miracles and teaching
 - ♦ Welcomed into Jerusalem – on Palm Sunday
 - ♦ Taught many things – on Holy Tuesday
 - ♦ Instituted the Lord's Supper – on Holy Thursday
 - ♦ Arrested, tried, crucified, and died – on Good Friday
 - ♦ Raised to life – on the third day, Easter Sunday
 - ♦ Ascended into heaven – 40 days after Easter

Previous history:

1. In the fullness of time, God sent His Son into the world to live and die to remove all sins.
2. In order to identify His Son to others, God sent angels to communicate with Mary and Joseph, and sent shepherds from outside of Bethlehem to visit on the day of His birth. In this lesson, Jesus, at 40 days old, is taken from Bethlehem to the temple in Jerusalem.

Simeon and Anna Meet Baby Jesus:

1. Simeon: ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation [comfort] of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.
2. Simeon meets Jesus: ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in

the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." // Like all of us, Simeon was a sinner, so he believed in the coming Savior and longed to see Him! When he did, he was ready to die in peace – *knowing that through Jesus' work his sins would be removed!*

3. Jesus' parents: ³³ The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." // All people – *whether they know it or not* – will rise or fall in connection with Jesus; those who know Him will rise with joy, while others will fall with everlasting regret.
4. Anna: ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. // When she saw Jesus, the Holy Spirit enabled her to speak about Jesus to all who were looking forward with faith to the coming of the Promised Messiah, the Christ!

Thoughts:

1. Because Adam and Eve fell into sin, they passed sin on to all future people – *including you and me.*
2. Since sin is wrong and bars us from being with God forever, *so God promised to send His Son to take away the sin of the world!*
3. When the time was right, *God sent His Son for us; then Jesus lived, suffered, and died to take away our sins!*
4. So let us ALL receive Him and rejoice forevermore!