



Unit 19, Session 4

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. 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.



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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APPLY the Story

- Find John 1:1-2 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for giving us His Word—the Bible—so we can learn about and know Jesus, the One who saves people from sin.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Kings 8:60-61 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 12:1-2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 5:22-23 | <input type="checkbox"/> Colossians 3:17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 4:8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 32:8 |