

Simeon and Anna See Jesus Luke 2:21-40



Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple to dedicate him. While there, they meet Simeon and Anna, who have been waiting and waiting for God's gift of the Messiah. They praise and thank God that Jesus is God's gift.

Church Announcements

- Fall Festival is October 7 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- We are taking 19 bears and over 25 cards to children in the Hospital thanks to the kids at CTR!
- In October we will be having a food pantry war in our Sunday School classes. Each Sunday we will be collecting food pantry items, whichever class brings in the most items will win a special party!

*"He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!"
(Luke 2:32)*

Praise Collage

Simeon and Anna praised and thanked God for the gift of Jesus. Do the same by making a family praise collage.

1. Cut up small pieces of wrapping paper. The bigger variety of patterns, the better!
2. Write praises to Jesus on each piece of wrapping paper.
3. Glue the praises to a piece of poster board.
4. Talk about these questions:
 - **What have you done to thank people for birthday or Christmas presents?**
 - **What similar things can you do to thank God for the gift of Jesus?**

Through the Week

Here's an activity you can do throughout the week.

1. Get a gift bag and put a small present inside. It could be as simple as a snack, a sticker, a nice note, or a handmade item.
2. Pass the gift on to someone in your family.
3. When someone gets the gift, he or she will thank the person who gave the gift and will then put a new gift in the bag and pass it on to someone else.
4. At the end of the week, talk about how nice it was to receive gifts throughout the week and what a great gift Jesus is.

Family Discussion

- How do you decide what would be a good gift for someone?
- When have you given a gift you *knew* the recipient would love?
 - What makes Jesus a good gift?