

LIFE OF CHRIST  
from the gospel of  
Luke

Lesson 1

Simeon and Anna  
See Jesus

Luke 2:22-39

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### Younger Verse

"My eyes have seen your salvation."

Luke 2:30

### Older Verse

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### Bible Story



*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Do you remember learning about the birth of Jesus? Jesus was born in a very special way. He left Heaven to come to earth to save people from their sins. Shepherds and wise men came to worship Him. And He had to be born in a stable! That was pretty unusual. Remember the angels? They came to tell the shepherds about Jesus' birth.

Jesus' birth was only the beginning of many special things that would happen throughout His life on earth as a man. After all, He is the Son of God!

When Jesus was still a baby, Joseph and Mary took Him to the Temple. The Jewish law said that the parents of a new baby needed to do some special things to bless the child. They were to bring animals to sacrifice to God. So Jesus' parents took two birds to the Temple to sacrifice.

The Bible says that there was a godly man named Simeon. He was very old. He had been waiting for God's Messiah to come to save His people. God had told him that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. On the day that Jesus was in the Temple, God sent Simeon to the Temple also. **When Simeon saw Jesus, he knew that He was the Messiah!**

Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said, "Lord, now I can die in peace. I have seen the Savior you have given to all people. He is a light to lead all people to God (Luke 2:30-31)."

Joseph and Mary watched in amazement at what was happening. Then Simeon told them that not all people would accept their Son as the Savior. He said that some people would reject Him—that means that they would not believe that He was sent from God.

Simeon was not the only one who was excited to see Jesus! A widow named Anna was also in the Temple that day. Anna was a woman who worshipped God all the time. She was very close to God. While Simeon was talking to Mary and Joseph, Anna began praising God! Then she began telling people that the Messiah had come.

### Lesson Goals

- Learn that Simeon recognized Jesus as the Messiah
- Learn that Anna worshipped God when she saw Jesus
- Learn that we can trust God to do what He promises

Wow! What an exciting event. God smiled on Simeon and Anna that day. They saw what no one around them saw—that God had sent His son as a little baby boy. Simeon patiently waited a lifetime for that moment—when God fulfilled His promise that he would see the Savior.

Sometimes we may want to give up on God. He may not move quickly enough for us. But we need to remember that God always keeps His promises! We have to be patient and know that God is in control. His timing is always perfect.

In the Old Testament, God promised that He would send a Messiah, or Chosen One, to save all people. The people waited and waited. And, at just the right time, God sent Jesus to earth. He lived a perfect life and died to save all people from their sins. Then, three days later, He rose from the dead! He lives today and He wants to have a relationship with each of us. Won't you accept Him into your life? He promises to be with you always. And remember—He always keeps His promises.

### Review Questions

1. What was Simeon waiting for God to do? (To send the Messiah, God's Chosen One)
2. What did Simeon say when he saw Jesus? (Now he could die in peace because he had seen God's Savior.)
3. What did Anna do when she saw Jesus? (She worshipped God and told people about Jesus.)

### Life Application

Simeon and Anna were faithful to God. God had promised Simeon that He would see the Messiah, and He did! Simeon did not give up on God, and he went to the Temple expecting God to send the Savior.

Can you think of other Bible characters who waited on God to fulfill His promise? (Examples: Abraham waited for a son, Noah waited for the flood while building the ark, Joshua waited to enter the Promised Land)

What does it mean to be faithful to God? How can you be faithful to God at home, at school, with friends, etc.? We can follow Anna's example and share God's love with those around us. We can be like Simeon and stay close to God and wait on Him.

Planning for Lesson 2  
Jesus as a Boy  
Luke 2:40-52

## Preschool Lesson for Simeon and Anna See Jesus

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Simeon and Anna received a special blessing. They got to see Jesus. We can ask Jesus to come and be with us. He will come into our lives and help us to live for Him. Then we can share Him with others like Anna did.



**Hands-on Activities  
for  
Simeon and Anna See Jesus**

Make eyeglasses the kids can wear. Use cardstock and create or find a pattern. Have them write the Bible verse on the glasses. Talk about how we don't need glasses to see Jesus. We can read about Him in the Bible. And we can have His Holy Spirit in our lives when we accept Christ.

Make puppets of Simeon and Anna using socks or paper bags. Bring a doll to be baby Jesus. Have the kids act out the story and get excited when they see Jesus! Show Anna telling everyone about Jesus.

Anna worshipped God all the time. We can live our lives in an attitude of worship. Sing worship songs like "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High," "Open the Eyes of My Heart," "Come, Now is the Time to Worship," or other favorites.

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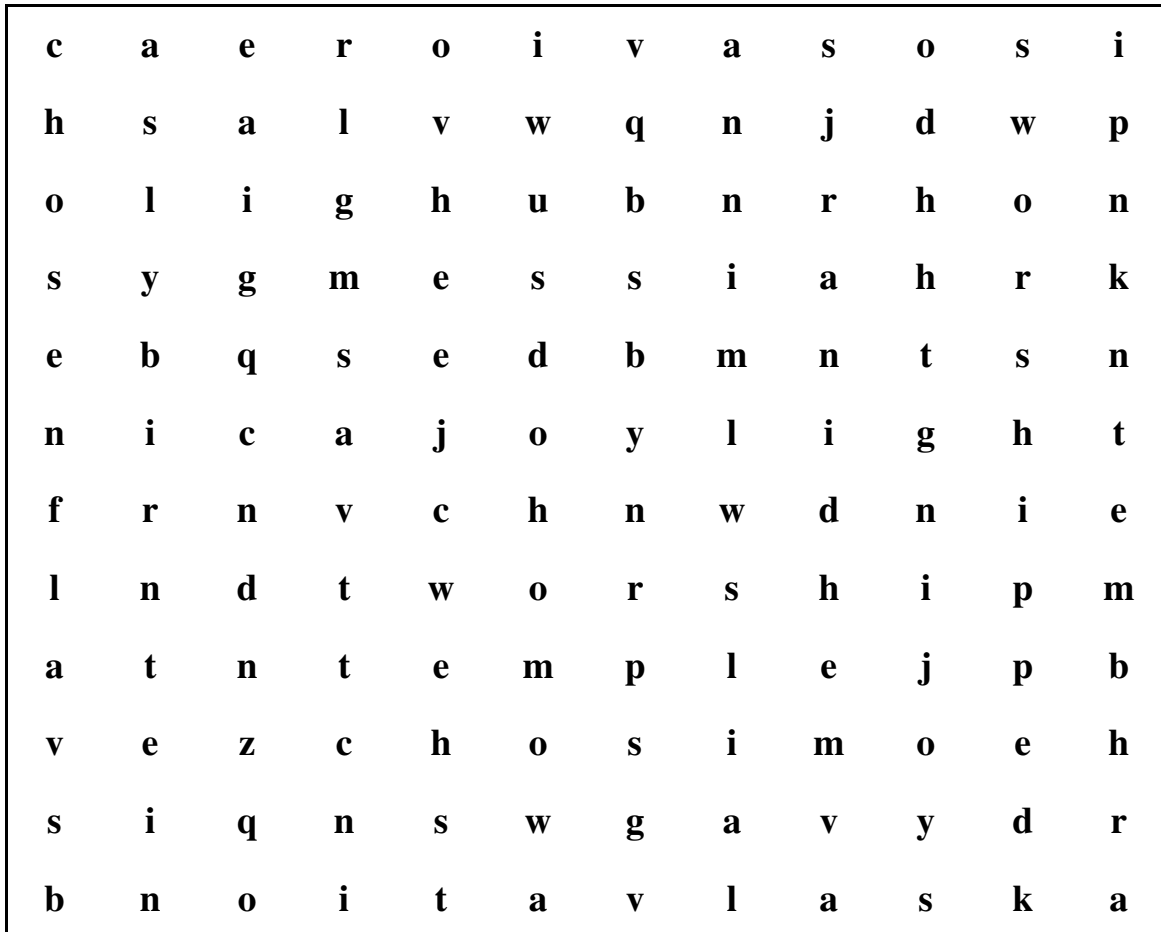


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# Word Search

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<b>Savior</b>	<b>chosen</b>	



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