

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 4

CONNECTION POINT:

Everything about Jesus' birth points to His divinity.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: People look to a variety of religions to give their lives meaning. Some of these religions offer a god who is so beyond us that he is unreachable. Other religions have human leaders, yet their humanity makes them little different from us. But in Jesus the all-powerful transcendent God came to us. He came to earth and became one of us. That is what makes Jesus unique. He is fully God and fully human.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Luke 2:21-38

Live It Out: Place a paper strip in the Bible at Luke 1:35. Help your child open the Bible to the marked verse. Say the verse as you point at the words. Thank God for Jesus.

After Jesus was born, the time had come for Joseph and Mary to take Baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem for the very first time.

A man named Simeon came to the temple at the same time. Simeon loved God. God had told Simeon that one day he would see God's Son. Simeon saw Baby Jesus with Mary and Joseph.

Simeon held Baby Jesus and said, "I have seen Your Son, who will help many people." Mary and Joseph were amazed at Simeon's words.

An old woman named Anna also saw Jesus. She stayed in the temple all the time praising God. When Anna saw the baby, she knew He was God's Son. She thanked God for sending Jesus and told other people that Jesus was born.

KIDS

Scripture: Luke 2:21-38

Live It Out: Remind your child that Jesus fulfilled prophecies in the Old Testament. Read the following passages: Isaiah 7:14; Jeremiah 31:22; Numbers 24:17, 19; Micah 5:2; Psalm 72:10,15; Isaiah 60:3,6. Discuss how Jesus fulfilled each prophecy.

When Jesus was eight days old, Mary and Joseph proclaimed His name to be Jesus. About a month later, they dedicated Him at the temple in Jerusalem.

A man named Simeon lived in Jerusalem. Simeon knew the prophecies about the coming Messiah. The Holy Spirit told Simeon he would see the Messiah before he died. Simeon saw Mary and Joseph with Jesus. Simeon held Jesus, praised God, and said, "My eyes have seen the Savior that God promised." He praised God for sending Jesus.

An older widow named Anna stayed in the temple night and day, serving God, praying, and waiting for the Messiah to come. When she saw Jesus, she came forward and thanked God for sending Jesus. Anna began to tell everyone the Savior had been born.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Luke 1:26-35

- Why do you think Mary found Gabriel's greeting to be troubling?
- What do these verses teach us about Jesus' humanity?
- How can we help our families have a Christ-centered Christmas this year?

Live It Out: In order for us to be reconciled to God, we needed a perfect High Priest who could go to God on our behalf. This priest had to be a man, but there was a big problem. There was no one on earth who was pure. For this reason, Jesus left heaven, lived the perfect life, and paid the price for our sin. Because God is His Father, Jesus didn't inherit the sin passed down from Adam and was fit to serve as the perfect sacrifice required by the Father. Only a person who was fully man and fully God could accomplish this, and Jesus did.

Ask your student if there is anything in Scripture about Jesus that is hard for him or her to understand or believe. Look up each passage and spend some time praying and studying over the truth of Jesus as the Son of God.