

JESUS AT THE TEMPLE

Luke 2:21-52



BIBLE VERSE COMMITTING TO MEMORY

Luke 2:30

For my eyes have seen your salvation.

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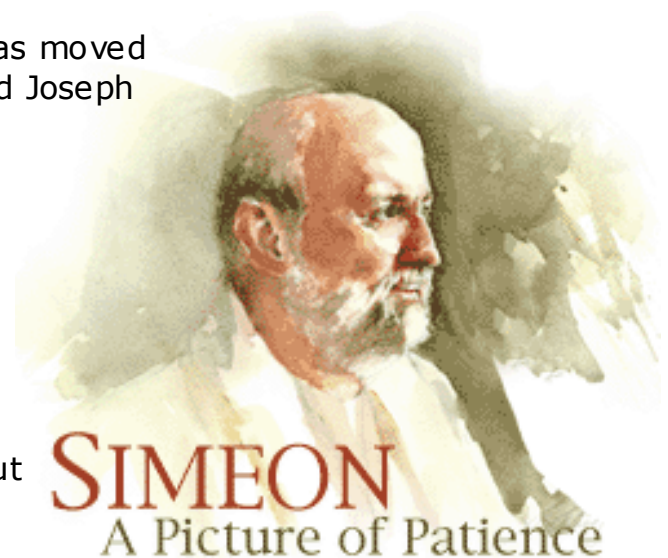
STORY LESSON BIBLE STORY

Eight days after Jesus was born he was circumcised according to the law of Moses. Then, later, he was presented in the temple in Jerusalem because "every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord" (Luke 2:23). A man named Simeon, righteous and devout, had been waiting for the consolation of Israel (in other words, he had been waiting for the Lord to reveal who the Messiah was to him). The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not die until "he had seen the Lord's Christ" (Luke 2:26).

When Simeon went into the temple that day, he was moved by the Spirit. When he saw the baby that Mary and Joseph brought in, Simeon took him in his arms and said:

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all people,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel"
(Luke 2:29-32).

Mary and Joseph "marveled" at what was said about their baby Jesus.





There was also a prophetess named Anna who never left the temple, but remained fasting and praying and worshiping the Lord day and night.

“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” (Luke 2:38).

Mary and Joseph then returned to Nazareth after having completed all that the law

required of them. “And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him” (Luke 2:40).

Twelve years pass with no record of circumstances or stories in Jesus’ life—only that the family went to Jerusalem every year for Passover.

Once during an annual visit to Jerusalem, after attending the feast of Passover, Jesus’ parents were returning home, thinking that Jesus was traveling on ahead of them. After a day, they began looking for him among family and friends but they could not find him. So they went back to the city to search for him.



“After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers” (Luke 2:46-47).

Jesus’ mom kind of scolded him saying: “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you” (Luke 2:48).

Jesus asked them why they were searching for him when they should know that he must be in his father’s house. “But they did not understand what he was saying to them” (Luke 2:50).



The Bible then says that Jesus went home with his parents and was obedient to them. “And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with men” (Luke 2:52).



LIFE APPLICATION

MAKING IT REAL

Rituals and Traditions

Every year, Jesus' family would travel to Jerusalem for the annual Passover celebration—the remembrance of when God delivered Israel (the people of God) out of slavery in Egypt. What are your family traditions? What do you do on an annual basis to help you remember things in your family? What are the traditions of the Christian faith? What do Christians do every year?

Obedience

Jesus modeled obedience to his parents. It doesn't seem like he did when he stayed behind at the Temple for a number of days until his parents came looking for him, but he was. Jesus was to live his life according to what his heavenly father wanted, that also meant being obedient to his earthly parents. Because Christianity is about following Jesus and looking like the kind of people God wants in this world, we have to work hard at obeying our parents!



QUESTIONS

REMEMBERING

- 1. Who were the two people who lived in the Temple who were really excited to see baby Jesus?** Simeon and Anna
- 2. What annual celebration did Jesus' family go to when he was twelve?**
Passover
- 3. How long did it take for Mary and Joseph to realize that Jesus was missing?**
One day
- 4. How long did it take Jesus' parents to find him when they went back to Jerusalem to look for him?** Three days
- 5. What did Mary say when she found Jesus?** "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you" (Luke 2:48)
- 6. What did Jesus say to his mom?** "Why were you searching for me? Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49)



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