



SIMEON IN GOD'S STORY

LUKE 2:25 - 32

Like a child waiting to open presents under the Christmas tree, Simeon had been waiting a long time for the gift he was now holding. He knew that God was writing a story, but he was unsure of what role he would play in it. However, once Simeon held the Savior in his hands, he burst into song! He knew instantly that He was in the presence of the King, and he praised God for involving him in His story.

Like Simeon, you may not know what part God wants you to play in His story. This is a story that has been unfolding from the very beginning of time. It involves every nation on earth and all peoples of all time. This story climaxes in the person of Jesus, but it's still being written. God is writing new stories of life change through people just like you! When we trust Jesus with our lives, we find ourselves participating in His story and inviting others to do the same. You are called to play a part in your home, your workplace, or your school. Whatever role you have, God wants you to join Him as He writes His story of redemption in the world.

How can you share God's Story in your home, your school, your workplace, or the world?

Who do you know that has not experienced life change in Jesus? Take some time now to pray for them by name.

Take a moment to reflect on a time in your story when you were waiting on God, and He finally answered. How can you share the hope that God answers prayers with someone else today?



CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONAL FOR FAMILIES

We've made cookies, decorated our Christmas tree, and wrapped gifts for our friends & family – all leading up to celebrate something special. But we aren't the only ones who have waited a long time for something we really want. The people in the Bible waited for Jesus for a long time – hundreds of years! The Bible says that they waited in darkness for a great light to come (Isaiah 9:2). Then, at just the right time, God sent baby Jesus to be the Savior of the world. Let's put ourselves in the story for a second.

As a family, turn off the lights and sit around the lit Christmas tree. Imagine the light from the Christmas tree as the light Jesus brought into the world when He was born. He brings this light into our hearts. Take a moment to pray together as a family, thanking God for keeping His promise to send Jesus as the brightest light and best gift ever!

