



Simeon and Anna Meet Baby Jesus

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When the baby Jesus was 40 days old, Mary and Joseph took Him to the temple in Jerusalem. At the temple they met a man named Simeon. God had told Simeon that he would not die until he saw for himself the Savior of the world. When Simeon saw Mary and Joseph with the baby Jesus, He took the baby in his arms and began praising God.

Simeon said, "Lord, You have kept Your promise. Now I am ready to die. I have seen for myself the Savior of all people. He will be a light for people of all nations and the glory of the people of God."

Then Simeon blessed

Mary and Joseph. He spoke to Mary about how Jesus would one day suffer in order to save us. Just then a very old woman named Anna walked up. She worshiped and prayed to God in the temple every day. Anna gave thanks to God for sending Jesus to be our Savior.

After worshipping God in the temple, Mary and Joseph left Jerusalem. Eventually they went back to their home in Nazareth. Here Jesus grew up. Jesus became strong. Each day He learned more and more new things. The heavenly Father loved Jesus. In Jesus, God kept His promise to send the Savior.

God keeps His promises.

Parents: Talk with your child about promises. Stress that because of sin, people do not keep all their promises. But God keeps every promise. God promises always to love us. He promises that in Jesus our sins are forgiven. God promises one day to take all believers to heaven. The Bible tells us, "No matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ" (2 Corinthians 1:20). Pray together thanking God for keeping all His promises.

