

Parents Connect

Bible Story:
Simeon and
Anna See Jesus
(Luke 2:21-39)

Bible Phrase: "Jesus is the
Son of God" (John 20:31).

Bible Truth: God helps
me know about Jesus.



God's Unfolding Story



1. God created everything



2. People disobeyed God.



3. God chose a special people.



4. **God sent Jesus to help us.**



5. Jesus began the Church.



6. Jesus is preparing heaven for us.



Unfolding God's Story for Parents

As adults sometimes we forget the wonders of childhood; the amazement of the little things of life: a wooly caterpillar, a unique rock, the funny sound a balloon can make. Sometimes we also forget it was to wait. Much of childhood is spent waiting for something. We had to wait to "be big enough" for anything that was fun or cool. We had to wait each year for Christmas and birthdays to come and for school to be out.

In this story, two very aged adults had waited all their lives for the fulfillment of a promise, a promise from God; then the day Mary and Joseph brought their little baby in for dedication. The wait was over!

In some miraculous way, these senior followers of God saw in this infant the Son of God, the Messiah. As you share this story, help your preschooler capture the amazement Anna and Simeon must have felt as they saw the baby and recognized God.

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Baby Jesus had been born in a small town called Bethlehem. His parents, Mary and Joseph, loved God and

wanted to follow His laws. One of God's laws said parents should dedicate their firstborn son to God. This was a special time when parents would thank God for their new child and tell God they would help the child know and love God.

Mary and Joseph wanted to take Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to honor God's law. So Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus left their home in Bethlehem and walked to Jerusalem. Later that day, they arrived in Jerusalem and went to the temple. When Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus entered the temple, an older man named Simeon was there. Simeon was a kind man who loved God very much. He had been waiting many years for the birth of Jesus. God helped Simeon recognize the baby was God's Son, Jesus. He took Jesus in his arms and said, "Thank You, God, for sending Jesus." He told Mary and Joseph that Jesus would grow up and do wonderful things.

Anna was also at the temple that day. Anna was an older woman who loved God and had been coming to the temple every day for many years. Anna saw Mary, Joseph and their baby. God helped Anna know the baby was Jesus. She came to them and said, "Thank You, God, for sending Jesus." Anna told everyone around her the baby was Jesus, God's Son.

Mary and Joseph went back to their home. What a special day it had been!

Activity Suggestion

Play Wait and Find

Choose six small items to hide in a room while the child waits outside the door. After you have hidden the objects invite your preschooler back into the room.

As the child looks around the room, give hints, warmer as he or she gets closer and colder as he or she moves away from the hidden item, until at last each item is found. Repeat, or let your child hide items while you are outside the door.