

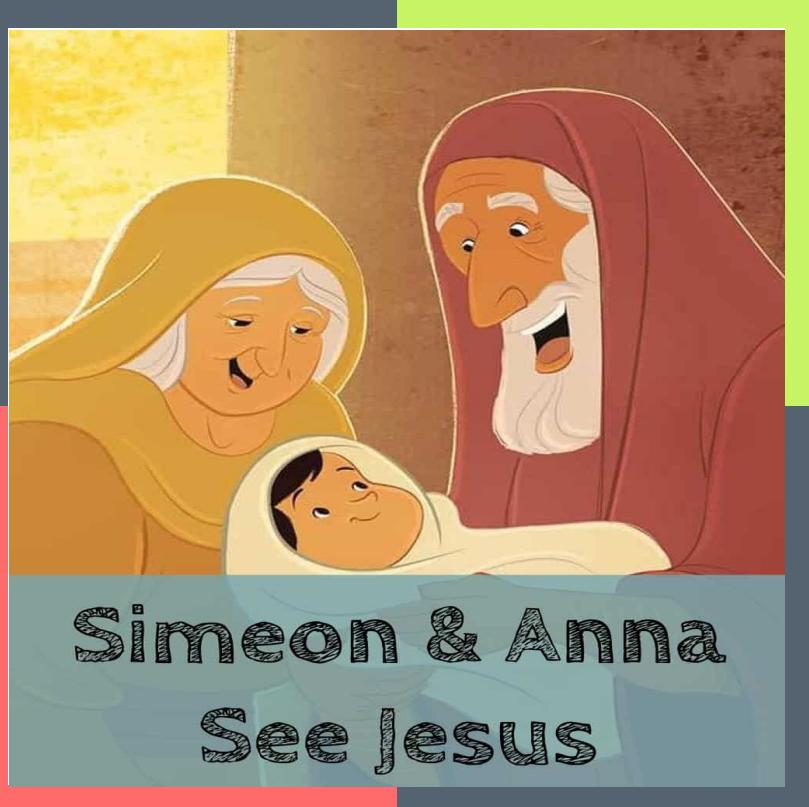
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BIBLE STORY

From Luke 2:25-38

Long ago, Joseph and Mary brought tiny Baby Jesus to the big temple in Jerusalem. They wanted to thank God for their special new baby. In the temple lived two special people: Anna and Simeon. Anna prayed all day in the temple and Simeon was a man of God who God made a promise to. God promised Simeon that he would see Jesus before he died. When Mary and Joseph arrived with Jesus, Anna and Simeon were so excited! They ran up to Baby Jesus, held him, and said, "For my eyes have seen Your salvation!" (Luke 2:30)



Meeting JESUS



As you color the picture, talk about why Simeon was so excited to meet Baby Jesus.



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Anna & Simeon Video

Go to YouTube and watch:

"God's Story: Anna and Simeon"
by Crossroads Kids' Club

Talk about these questions with an adult:

1. Who was Anna? Who was Simeon?
2. Why were they happy to see Baby Jesus?
3. What did God promise Simeon?
4. What did Simeon say when he held Baby Jesus in his arms?

Have an adult help you find this video and watch it with you.

Discuss the questions together afterwards.



**Greek
kids**

FAMILY FUN

Just like Anna and Simeon praised God for Jesus' birth, you can help your child learn to praise God and be excited about Jesus' birth, too.

Explain why there was so much excitement surrounding Jesus' birth. Talk about why we use lights-He is the Light of the World. Mention why we give presents-Jesus was God's gift to us.

We sing songs of worship to Him because even the angels sang a song of "Gloria" when they appeared to the shepherds on the night of Jesus' birth.

We can celebrate Christmas knowing why it is so important to us. Jesus came into the world to save us so we can live with Him forever in heaven! Now that's worth celebrating!

Family Worship
Plan a night of worship thanking God for Jesus!

Sing Christmas carols around a fire or sitting in a comfortable room, soaking in the joy surrounding the Christmas holiday. Think of songs that highlight the true meaning of that night long ago in Bethlehem.

Ideas: Silent Night, Joy to the World, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Away in a Manger, etc.