



Unit 2, Lesson 6

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: SIMEON AND ANNA MEET JESUS LUKE 2:22-40

### THE STORY HOME

In today's story (Luke 2:22-40), Jesus' law-abiding parents show up at the Temple to do required sacrifices related to purification. Upon seeing baby Jesus, a wise and elderly prophetess named Anna, and a man, a prophet named Simeon, each share a note of hope and expectation, plus statements affirming that Jesus is indeed the child of God's promise! What a happy surprise to Jesus' parents to have two respected Jewish prophets speak for all humankind. We see that each gender—a woman and a man—is used of God to testify to what He's done and will do through this holy Child. God's spirit is always directing lives behind the scenes.

#### PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- What laws or rules do you obey?
- Who are some wise and elderly people you know and trust?
- Boy or girl, man or woman, God can work through anyone. What are some ways God works through you?
- Is there a time you obeyed a rule and were surprised to learn something new?

### TOGETHER HOME

We learn much from older people. This week spend a day with a senior citizen of your church or neighborhood. Ask questions about his or her life. Gather stories. Tell riddles and jokes. Ask how long he or she has been a Christian and how it happened. Perhaps you will make a new and wise friend in the process.

### BIBLE MEMORY HOME

As a family, repeat our memory verse for the month, "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord" (Luke 2:11). Include your child and print this verse on several brightly colored sticky notes. Play a hide and seek game where the notes are "hidden" and family members "find" at least one every day.