

Simeon and Anna See Baby Jesus

Luke 2:21-39

Mary's baby, God's own Son, was just eight days old. At this time, Mary and Joseph named Him-just as God had told them. Do you remember that name? That's right: Jesus! The angel had told Joseph before Jesus was born, "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Baby Jesus grew just as other babies grow. When he was six weeks old, Mary and Joseph took him to the temple in the city of Jerusalem. They took with them a special offering to give to God. This is what God planned for His people to do.

When they got to the temple, they met an old man named Simeon. He loved God very much, and God had promised him that he would not die until he had seen God's very own Son, the Savior of the world. You know who that is, don't you?

As soon as Simeon saw the baby in Mary's arms, he knew he had seen the Son of God. He reached out and gently took baby Jesus from his mother's arms. He held him close for a moment and thanked God for sending Jesus to be the Savior of the world.

Joseph and Mary were surprised by Simeon's words. How did he know that Jesus was God's Son, the One Who came to be our Savior? God Himself had told Simeon and had promised him that he would not die until he saw the Savior; and God ALWAYS keeps His promises.

A very old woman who lived in the temple came to the place where Simeon, Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus were. Her name was Anna. Anna loved God, too, and had served him for her whole life. When she saw Jesus in Simeon's arms, she knew that He was God's Son, the One Who had come to be the Savior. Like Simeon, she thanked God for sending Jesus and for letting her see His Son.

After Mary and Joseph finished what they needed to do in the temple, they returned to their home with baby Jesus.

Bible Verse to Learn:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son" (John 3:16).