



Lesson
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4s-K

MARY AND JOSEPH TAKE JESUS TO THE TEMPLE

December 28 & 29

**JESUS IS THE
GOOD NEWS**



LESSON GOAL:

Background: Joseph and Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem. While they were there, a man named Simeon approached them. God had promised Simeon he would get to see the promised Savior before he died. When Simeon saw baby Jesus, he knew it was the promised Savior. Another person was in the temple that day - a prophet named Anna. She had waited a long time for the promised Savior too. They both praised God for keeping His promise!

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that Jesus is the good news people waited a long time for. He came to save God's people, including us!

Luke 2:22-40

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Faith Foundations Class @ RR & MO
Saturdays, Jan 25 - Feb 8 • 6 PM

Faith Foundations Class @ WH
Sundays, Jan 26 - Feb 9 • 11 AM

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:
Antarctic Adventure



KEY VERSE:

**“A child will be born to us.
A son will be given to us.**

He will rule over us.
And he will be called
Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God.”.

Isaiah 9:6 (NIRV)

shortened version for younger kids is in bold

MISSION FOCUS:

Prayer

The Holiday season looks different for each and every one of us. It's not always full of joy and laughter, some of our friends might be walking through something hard. This week, think of one person you can pray for. Take a couple minutes each day to pray for their situation and that they would find hope and peace in Jesus. If **you** are going through something hard, ask your leader or another grownup to pray for your situation!



10 min
after the start
of service

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! Do you have any offering to put in our offering bin? *(Direct child to offering station)*

You can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

20
min

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: Jesus is the Good News!

Help kids connect relationally and to the daily lesson by participating in the Bag of Wonder activity together.

Bag of Wonder: megaphone

SAY:

We are going to take turns passing around this Bag of Wonder! It has something inside that helps us think about our lesson today. You can hold it, smell it, shake it, touch it...but no peeking inside! What do you think it could be? You each get 1 guess!

DO:

Pass the Bag of Wonder around until each child has had a turn holding it and guessing what's in the bag. Offer hints to help the kids guess the item.

SAY:

I *wonder* why this item is in our Bag of Wonder today! Our lesson is about how **Jesus is the Good News**. This true story comes from the Bible in **Luke 2:22-40!** *(Open your Bible to show the kids the verse is in the Bible then read the explanation below).*

CONNECTION: Today, we get to learn about two people who waited a long time to meet baby Jesus. When they finally got to meet him, they were so excited that the Savior of the world was finally here. They shared the good news about Jesus with everyone they could!



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



SAY:

Let's answer **THE BIG 3** questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who is our story about today?

Baby Jesus, Simeon, Anna

2. What is the problem?

Simeon and Anna waited a long time to meet the promised Savior.

3. What will God do?

God sent Jesus to the world to be the Savior for all of us! Jesus is the good news everyone had waited for!



MAKE: Celebration Cup Horn

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: Cup with string, stickers, God statement sticker, markers/crayons



SAY:

Jesus is the good news! Let's celebrate by creating a special horn to celebrate with.



DO:

Pass out one cup per child. Have the child decorate their cup and add the God Statement sticker to their cup.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



Craft Example



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min

LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God through Worship, an engaging Bible story and a time of response.



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: Star of the Morning

SONG 2: O Come all Ye Faithful



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

May you believe that Jesus is the good news and may you share the good news with everyone you meet!



TRANSITION

After the blessing, the Host should dismiss the kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

WORSHIP RESPONSE



REFLECT: Jesus is the Good News!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Worship Response Station

Supplies: none



SAY:

Simeon and Anna were both filled with joy to finally meet the Savior, Jesus, in the temple! They both waited a long time to finally meet Jesus because they knew just how important and special Jesus is. Jesus is the good news because He came to save us all from our sins! Just like Anna told everyone about the good news, God wants us to share the good news of Jesus too!



DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
 - ***Have you ever had something really exciting that you wanted to share with others? It can be hard to keep quiet when we have good news to share!***
 - ***That's how Anna felt when she met Jesus, and that's how God wants us to feel too!***
 - ***Jesus is the good news and God wants us to tell this news to everyone!***
 - ***Sometimes it can feel scary to tell others the good news of Jesus because we might not know how they will respond.***
 - ***We don't have to do it on our own, though, because God gave us the Holy Spirit as a helper!***
 - ***Let's practice sharing the good news with our friends in class right now!***
 - ***Turn to a friend next to you and say "Jesus is the Good News!"***
 - ***Then turn to another friend and say it again.***
 - ***Finally, let's say it all together - Jesus is the Good News!***
- Close the time by praying over the kids.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



SAY:

May you believe that Jesus is the good news and may you share the good news with everyone you meet!

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min

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:

Let's answer **THE BIG 3** questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who was our story about today?

Baby Jesus, Simeon, Anna

2. What was the problem?

Simeon and Anna waited a long time to meet the promised Savior.

3. What did God do?

God sent Jesus to the world to be the Savior for all of us! Jesus is the good news everyone had waited for!

4. Why does this matter to me?

Jesus came to save us from our sins, too, and we can share this good news with others!

5. How can I apply this to my own life?

Example: I can share the good news that Jesus is our Savior with friends at school by showing them love or inviting them to church.



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together. Use the Prayer Tags from Check-In to write down prayer requests to take home and pray for during the week.



SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

As parents
arrive after
service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing their parent the announcement card and the weekly **Lesson Card**.