

6. The Presentation in the Temple

The Word of the Lord: The New Testament for Young Children

Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a) In those days when people had a first baby, they were expected to present him or her at the temple and make a gift to the Lord.
- b) Ask children to think of Simeon, an old man, being told that he would see the Lord before he died. The Holy Spirit led him to go to the temple, and he knew right away that this Baby was the One. Simeon said that now the Lord could let him die, because he had seen the salvation of all people! How thrilling that must have felt.
- c) Anna was a most special, very old woman who loved the Lord very much.



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The Lord Visits the Temple as a Baby

When the Baby Lord was eight days old, He was called Jesus, just as the angel had said.

Later, Joseph and Mary took Jesus to the city of Jerusalem to present Him at the temple. And as the Law of the Lord commanded, they brought a gift—a pair of turtle doves.

Now there was in Jerusalem a man whose name was Simeon. He was a good man, and the Lord's Holy Spirit was with him. And the Holy Spirit told Simeon that he would not die before he had seen the Lord come.

And Simeon was led into the temple by the Holy Spirit who was with him when Joseph and Mary brought in the Baby Jesus. And when Simeon saw Him, he held Him in his arms and blessed God and said, "Now, Lord, let your servant die in peace, for my eyes have seen Your salvation which is for all people, a light for the Gentiles and glory for Israel for giving light and glory." And Joseph and Mary marveled at the things which were spoken about Him. And Simeon blessed them too.

There was in the temple a very old woman called Anna, who served the Lord with prayers day and night. And when she saw the Baby Jesus, she knew who He was, and she spoke about Him to all who were waiting to be saved.

Then Joseph and Mary returned to their home in Nazareth where the little Child grew and became strong in spirit and wise.

Luke 2

