





Open your Bible to Luke 2. Use the Bible storytelling tips found in the leader guide to help you tell the story. Use the bold version of the Bible story for younger preschoolers.

## JESUS WAS DEDICATED

**When Jesus was about one week old, Joseph and Mary took Him to the temple. The temple was the place where people went to pray and worship God.** Many years before, God had given rules to all the people of Israel. One rule was, “When a woman’s first son is born, his parents must present him to God.” Joseph and Mary obeyed God.

**A man named Simeon** was in Jerusalem, and he **loved God**. He knew that God had promised to send someone special to save people from sin. **God had told Simeon, “Before you die, you will see the One who will rescue people from sin.” Simeon trusted God.**

**That day, God told Simeon to go to the temple. Simeon saw Jesus there,** and he picked up Jesus in his arms. **Simeon was so happy! He prayed, “God, You kept Your promise. I have seen the One who will save people from sin.”**

Mary and Joseph heard Simeon say those important words. **Simeon told Mary that Jesus would be a very special leader,** but that some people wouldn’t follow Him. Simeon also told Mary that some things would happen to Jesus that would make Mary sad.

**Another woman was in the temple. Her name was Anna. When Anna saw Jesus, she thanked the Lord. Then she told other people good news about God.**

**Mary and Joseph did everything they were supposed to do** at the temple. **Then they went back home. Jesus grew up, and He was strong, healthy, and wise.**