

THE WORD BECAME FLESH



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#05 – Jesus Is Presented at the Temple Luke 2:21-38

PICTURES (Note: Inserted in brackets at the appropriate place in the lesson is the number of the picture to show the students.)

- 5-1 Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the temple
- 5-2 Simeon in the temple

REVIEW (Before teaching lesson)

- **The Big Question Review:** What is the good news for all people?

Jesus our Savior is Christ the Lord.

- **Lesson Rhyme Review:** What should we celebrate?

C—C
Celebrate
Jesus'
holy birth
C—C—Celebrate
God sent his Son
to earth

Make sign of "C"
Shake in air
Make sign of Jesus
Form arms like rocking a baby
Same as above
Lift arms in air
Form arms in a circle around head



- **Introduction:** (picture 5-1) What is this a picture of?

After Jesus was born, Joseph and Mary had him circumcised and then presented him to the Lord at the temple in Jerusalem according to Jewish custom. They sacrificed two pigeons to God to dedicate Jesus to his heavenly father.

(picture 5-2) A man named Simeon, who was led by the Spirit, went to the temple and prophesied about Jesus being a light to show what is true about God to people who weren't Jews.

Joseph and Mary marveled at the things that were said about Jesus. Then they went back to their home in Nazareth of Galilee where Jesus grew and became strong and wise.

The big question for this week is: Who did Jesus come to save?

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the attached discussion questions.

Title: How was Jesus dedicated to God?

Page 1—Luke 2:21

(picture of the temple in Jerusalem)
 The Jews they are God's people
 and when a baby's born,
 They do what God's commanded,
 the things to which they're sworn.
 Jesus' parents had him circumcised
 when he was eight days old.
 They took him to Jerusalem
 to complete what they'd been told.

Page 2—Luke 2:22-24

(picture of Mary & Joseph going
 to the temple)
 To present their son before the Lord,
 they had to pay a price.
 So they bought two pigeons
 to present as a sacrifice.
 They dedicated Jesus
 to their Lord God up above.
 Fulfilling God's commands
 to show devotion and their love.

Page 3—Luke 2:25-26

(picture of Simeon at the temple)
 While they were in the temple,
 Simeon came to them.
 He had been God's servant,
 seeking the salvation of all men.
 God said that Simeon wouldn't die
 before the Savior came
 God showed him Jesus was the one
 who'd take away men's shame.

Page 4—Luke 2:28-32

(picture of Mary & Joseph wondering)
 Simeon spoke a prophecy
 that Jesus was the light.
 He would lead all men to God
 and what is good and right.
 Mary and Joseph wondered
 about all that Simeon said.
 Mary kept his prophecy
 within her heart and head.

Page 5—Luke 2:36,38

(picture of Anna at the temple)
Anna was a widow,
who worked in the temple there.
Night and day she served the Lord
with devoted care.
She also came up to them,
giving thanks to God above.
For sending Jesus to the earth
to show his grace and love.

Page 6—Luke 2:39-40

(picture of Jesus as a boy in Nazareth)
Later when God told them to,
to Nazareth they went back.
Probably riding on a donkey,
and carrying Jesus in a pack.
Their home, the town of Nazareth,
the Jewish people did despise.
But there the Son of God would grow,
learning all that made him wise.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Page 1: Where did Mary and Joseph take Jesus after he was born? Why did they do that?

Page 2: What did Mary and Joseph buy two pigeons for? What is a sacrifice? Why did Mary and Joseph offer the pigeons as a sacrifice?

Page 3: Who was Simeon? What did God show Simeon?

Page 4: What was Simeon's prophecy? How did Mary and Joseph respond to the prophecy?

Page 5: Who was Anna? What did Anna do when she saw Jesus?

Page 6: Where did Mary and Joseph go back to live? What does despise mean? What does that mean Nazareth was like? Why do you think God chose Nazareth as the place for Jesus to grow up?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

- Prayer: Thank God for all the people who told others who Jesus was. Pray that you would see clearly all Jesus is and has done for you and share that understanding with others.
- **The Big Question: Who did Jesus come to save?**

Jesus is the savior of and a light of revelation to all people who believe in him.

ACTIVITIES (Completed after the lesson)

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the weekly sheet.

★ **Coloring:** Color in the lesson picture.

★ **Activity:** Drawing

Instruction: Draw a picture of the two pigeons Mary and Joseph sacrificed to dedicate Jesus to his heavenly Father.

★ **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

D—D	Make sign of “D”
Dedicated	Move hands out palms up
To the Lord	Lift arms up above head
Their God above	Wave arms back & forth
D—D—Dedicated	Same as above
To show devotion	Bow like in prayer
And their love	Put hands over heart with head bowed



• **Craft:** Star

As a reminder of the testimony of the prophets that Jesus would be a light unto the Gentiles, cut out a yellow star with the saying on it and glue it to a stick.

Materials: yellow cover stock paper, jumbo craft stick, scissors, glue stick

Preparation: Run off craft 5 on yellow cover stock paper, cut stars apart.

Instructions: Cut out the star. Glue it to the craft stick

• **Discovery Activity:** Jesus presented at the temple.

Instructions: Have the children act out Jesus being presented at the temple. Roles: Joseph, Mary, (pretend baby), Simeon, Anna, onlookers

• **Song:** What Child is This

What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Chorus

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Chorus

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Chorus

Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

JOURNAL

The journal is included in the class booklet for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.