



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS WAS DEDICATED



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Luke 2:21-39 from the Bible.



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- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Television commercials are always making big promises. A little lizard promises that a few minutes can save you money on your car insurance; a pink bunny promises that his batteries keep going and going. These are fun advertisements, but can we really trust what they promise?

When Simeon was an old man, he remembered the promise God had made to him. God had told Simeon he would not die until he had seen the Messiah—the promised Savior. But could Simeon trust this promise?

Simeon saw Jesus being dedicated at the temple, and the Spirit told him this baby is the Messiah. Simeon got to hold Jesus—the promised Savior—in his arms! Simeon rejoiced because God had kept His promise.

The promises we hear on TV or from others are often broken. While we're not perfect at keeping promises, we can trust that God is always faithful to do what He says He will do! The promises of God are always perfect, and there is no greater proof than the birth of Jesus—the promised one who saves people from sin!

Simeon and Anna worshiped Jesus as the Messiah who God promised to save people from their sins. By trusting in Jesus, we can be saved from our sins and, like Simeon and Anna, praise God for His salvation.

***Pray:** God, You are the promise keeper! We can trust You to do what You say because You are faithful and perfect in all Your ways. Our greatest proof of Your faithfulness is that You sent Jesus just as You promised. We want to be like Simeon who looked to Jesus and recognized Him as the one who saves people from sin! Amen.*



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LEARN SCRIPTURE

The key passage below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.



**For God loved the world in
this way: He gave his one and
only Son, so that everyone
who believes in him will not
perish but have eternal life.**

John 3:16



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SING SCRIPTURE

Finish your family worship experience by playing the key passage song to worship and as a further way to memorize Scripture.



Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Ask God to remind You of His promises and His ability to always keep His promises. How do the stories of God's faithfulness in the Bible help us trust Him now?

Evenings

Praise God for the peace, joy, and hope we can have in Him because He is a faithful God. Thank Him for the examples of faithfulness you read in Scripture and see in your own experiences. How does God's faithfulness give us peace and joy right now? How does God's faithfulness give us hope for the future?



Family Activities

For Fun

Make a promise like going out for ice cream or going to a movie that will be fulfilled later in the week. Throughout the week, talk as a family about what it's like to wait and how waiting might make you forget or doubt the promise. As you get closer to the fulfillment of the promise, talk about the joy and anticipation each person feels. Compare all the feelings of the week to what Simeon might have felt. Remind kids that God can always be trusted to keep His promises.

To Serve

Take a flower arrangement to a senior adult Bible study group. Write the words of 2 Corinthians 1:20 (For every one of God's promises is "Yes" in him. Therefore, through him we also say "Amen" to the glory of God.) on a tag and attach it to the bouquet. If possible, ask a member of the group to share how they have seen God's faithfulness in their life. Remind kids that God always keeps His promises!