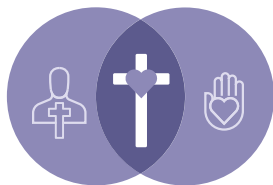


THE TEMPLE TESTIMONIES

LESSON 3

Luke 2:1–7, 22–40

JESUS WAS BORN TO REDEEM US.



CONNECTING IDENTITY & CALLING

IDENTITY: WHO AM I?

God reveals His presence in human form to me as He returns to His temple.

CALLING: WHY AM I HERE?

I have a Savior who took human flesh in order to redeem me from my sin.

GROWING IN FAITH FOR LIFE

See how this lesson builds on previous learning for each age.

ADULT

I can connect the events of Jesus' birth and presentation to His mission to redeem me from my sins.

YOUTH

I can describe how Jesus' birth and presentation point to my redemption in Him.

ELEMENTARY

I understand that Jesus was born to pay the price for my sins.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

I know God sent Jesus to be my Savior.

BIBLE VERSE

My eyes have seen Your salvation.

Luke 2:30

SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

God fulfills His promise as Jesus is born in Bethlehem. Forty days later, in keeping with the law, the family travels to Jerusalem's temple for Mary's purification and Jesus' presentation. There, they encounter Simeon, a devout Jew whose song of praise lives on in the Church today. Likewise, Anna, the aging prophetess, rejoices at the coming of the Savior.

TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ **On the Go**—Soon after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph brought Him to the temple. Who first took you to church? Whom have you brought with you to church?
- ▶ **At Mealtime**—Read Micah 5:2. Where did the prophet say Jesus would be born? How did God make sure Jesus was born in this small city?
- ▶ **Something to Do**—Take out your nativity scene and take turns hiding the figure of baby Jesus. After someone finds it, talk about where we find Jesus today.
- ▶ **Before Bed**—Read or sing the words of the Nunc Dimittis from *Lutheran Service Book*. Simeon spoke these words while he held Jesus in the temple. Talk about the ways Simeon's words praised God. In your prayers, use your own words to praise God for Jesus.

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