

# Calvary Kids

May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021  
Jesus Was Dedicated  
Bible Passage: Luke 2



## MEMORY VERSE

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."  
Hebrews 13:8

**Thank you so much for watching our Calvary Kids online message today!!  
Here are some fun ways to dig deeper into today's lesson with the entire family.**

### 1. TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON SUMMARY

After Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph obeyed God's words and brought baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem. They wanted to obey the law that God had given to Moses. The law said that when a woman's firstborn son arrives, his parents must dedicate him to the Lord. The law stated that the parents had to give a sacrifice to God. They brought two birds to give to God. A man named Simeon had been waiting to see the Messiah, whom God had promised to send. God told Simeon that he would see God's special King, the one who would rescue people from their sin, before he died. God's spirit led Simeon to the temple on the same day as Mary and Joseph. When Mary and Joseph brought Baby Jesus to the temple, Simeon held Baby Jesus in his arms. Simeon was happy and he praised God. Simeon said, "Lord, you can let me die now. You kept your promise, and I have seen the Messiah, who will save people from sin. Jesus will save God's people, the Israelites, and Jesus will save people from other nations." Mary and Joseph were surprised at what Simeon said! Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph. Simeon told Mary, that being Jesus' mom would be a good thing, but it would be hard. Some people would love Him, and others will hate Jesus. Then a woman named Anna was at the temple too. Her husband had died, and she was at the temple to worship God. Anna praised and thanked God. Anna told people in the temple that Jesus was the Savior whom God had promised to send! Mary and Joseph finished dedicating Jesus and making sacrifices to God. After that Mary and Joseph took Baby Jesus back home to Nazareth. Jesus grew up strong and happy. He was wise and God was with Him.

### 2. EXPERIENCE THE STORY

- **Family Activity (Do the following activity together as a family to reinforce the Bible Lesson and spend time together.)**

For a fun family activity, play a game called, "Jesus is..." Have the family sit together in a circle. Ask each person to say a word that describes Jesus. Let them know that they cannot use the same word as someone else. As a family you can help each other out if someone gets stuck finding a word. For an added twist, challenge the family to work their way through the letters of the alphabet, providing a word that starts with each letter. Discuss how the words that everyone said to describe Jesus, are great things to say about Him. Jesus is God the Son, and he perfect and wonderful. He is the Messiah God had promised and He is our Savior who forgives our sin and loves us.

### 3. FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (Have a family discussion about the Bible Lesson and ask the following questions. Retell the story if needed by reading the Bible Passages from our lesson.)

1. **Why did Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the temple as a baby?** (Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple to be dedicated according to God's law.)
2. **What promise did God make to Simeon?** (That Simeon would not die until after he had met the Messiah.)
3. **What did Simeon say it would be like for Mary to be Jesus' mother?** (That it would be very good but very hard.)
4. **What did Anna tell other people?** (Anna told everyone the good news that Jesus the Messiah had come.)
5. **How would Jesus provide salvation?** (Discuss Jesus' death on the cross. Remind the kids that Jesus paid the debt for our sins when He died in our place. Jesus took on the punishment of God's anger towards sin.)

Jesus died and then rose again to prove that His sacrifice was enough.)

- 6. Why can we have peace in difficult circumstances?** (With God we have peace, peace that comes from God and peace with others. When we have a relationship with Jesus and faith in Him, we can look forward to a future with Him forever. Through the Spirit, God can give us peace in difficult times.)

**4. PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE: (Help kids memorize and understand their Bible Verse.)**

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8

**SAY:** Our memory verse reminds us that Jesus has always been here, He has always existed no one created Him. Jesus never changes. You can always count on Jesus being in your life, even when it may seem like He is not. He does not change. You can depend on Jesus and always know that His love for you will never decrease. Though the world around us changes, our circumstances change, we change, Jesus never does. You can always count on Jesus; He will never leave you or forsake you!

**5. FAMILY REFLECTION AND PRAYER: (Time to reflect on the over arching theme of our Bible Lesson and spend time in Prayer.)**

**SAY:** God had promised that a Savior was coming. When Simeon and Anna met Jesus in the temple, they knew He was not an ordinary baby. They knew He was the promised Messiah. Simeon and Anna had waited a long time to meet Jesus. God had promised Simeon that he would not die until he met the Savior, who would rescue people from sin. Simeon and Anna worshipped Jesus when they met Him in the temple. Anna thanked God, and Simeon was happy. We can trust Jesus to save us from our sins; and like Simeon and Anna, we get to tell others about Jesus. Today, we can trust that Jesus is God’s Son, He will save us from our sins, and we get to share Jesus with others.

**For some additional activities and discussion questions, please check out the Family Experience Page below.**

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## In 2021 Remember To

“Place your hope in Jesus!  
He is our hope, our joy, our peace,  
our comfort, and our security.”

## MAIN POINT: Luke 2

Simeon and Anna worshiped Jesus as the Messiah.

## FAMILY TIME QUESTIONS

- How did God keep the promise He made to Simeon?
- Why do you think Simeon said being Jesus' mother would be good but hard for Mary?
- How can we worship Jesus as the Messiah?

## FAMILY ACTIVITY

Spend time together as a family.

- For a fun activity, play a game with your kids to encourage and demonstrate patience. Offer them half a treat, explaining that they can have the full treat if they wait five minutes before eating the offered half. Depending on the age of your kids, you can adjust the time, making it less for younger kids or longer for older kids. Discuss why waiting for something can be hard and how sometimes waiting is worth it. Talk about how long Simeon waited to meet Jesus but he had faith that God would keep His promise. Discuss why waiting for Jesus would have been difficult but worth it.

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