

Simeon and Anna's Story - A True Story about Jesus as a baby

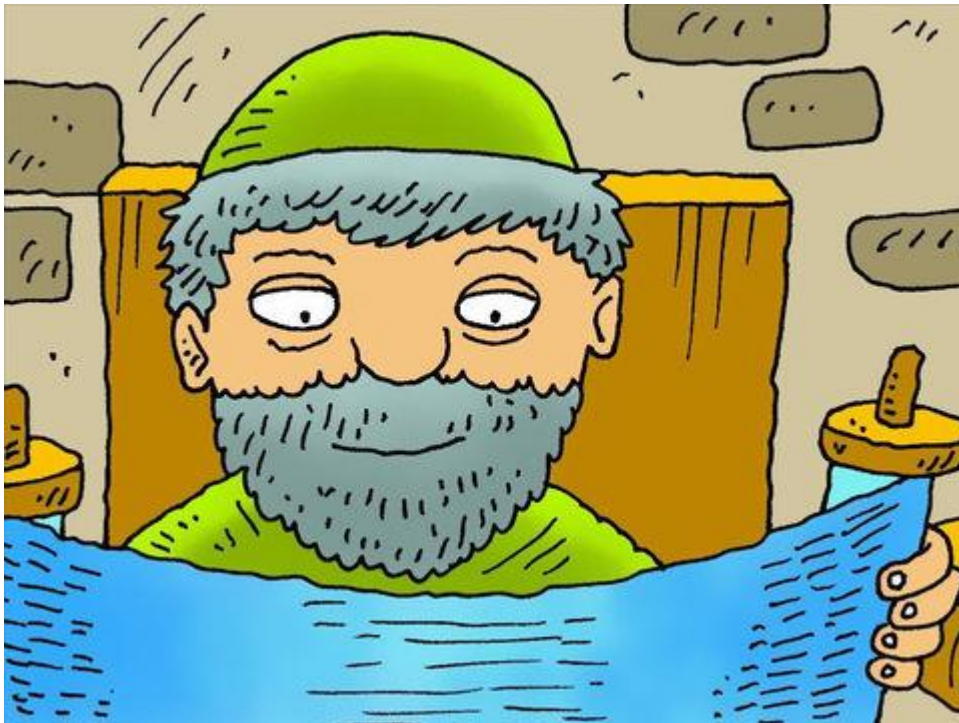
These two stories are in the Gospel of Luke 2:22-40.



A little while after **Jesus** was born, **Jesus** was taken to the temple to be dedicated to God.



Mary and Joseph took Him to the temple in Jerusalem for the special dedication called Purification. Mary and Joseph also bought two small birds to offer to God as a sacrifice. At this ceremony He was named **Jesus**, the name the angel had told Joseph to give God's Son.



There was an old man in Jerusalem called Simeon. The Holy Spirit told Simeon to go into the temple. God had told him he would not die until he had seen the Saviour.



When Simeon saw baby **Jesus** he was filled with joy.



Simeon took Him in his arms and praised God that he had seen his Saviour.



Jesus would be a **light** to the Gentiles and the **glory** of His people Israel! Mary and Joseph were amazed at these words.



Simeon also said that some people would reject **Jesus**, but others would be filled with joy at knowing Him.



There was also a widow called Anna. She was eighty-four and worshipped in the temple all the time. When she saw **Jesus**, she also knew He was the promised Saviour of the world and gave thanks to God! Anna told everyone she met about **Jesus** that He was the answer to their prayers for salvation.

Thinking about the story. When a family has a new baby, they often take him to church to thank God and present him to God. Maybe your parents brought you to be dedicated or christened. Where did Mary and Joseph take baby Jesus? Simeon and Anna were old, faithful people who had loved God for many years. They trusted God, prayed and listened to HIM. They knew one day God would send a Saviour. The Holy Spirit told them that Jesus was not an ordinary baby but was God in human form, born to be the Saviour of the world. They were both truly excited to have seen Jesus. Do you trust God that Jesus is your Saviour?

Our verse:

Faith means being sure of the things we hope for. And faith (in God) means knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.

Hebrews Chapter 11 verse 1.

Simeon and Anna had strong faith in God! We can ask God for strong faith too.

Prayer



Dear God,

Thank you for Simeon and Anna who listened to God.

Thank you that they were so happy to see Jesus, and they had **faith** that **Jesus** would be the Saviour of the world.

Help us to be sure and glad too that **Jesus** is our Saviour.

Thank you that Jesus lets us be friends with God!

Amen

Links

www.youtube.com/watch?v=leN-xNrkJbo Crossroads Kids Club, God's Story: Anna and Simeon, 3 minutes 53

www.youtube.com/watch?v=IB0itOKAF-A Gracelinks, 3 minutes 35

www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1AS8RbJPYU Simeon and Anna meet Baby Jesus (50 seconds)

<http://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-pages/simeon-and-anna-recognize-the-lord-in-jesus>

<http://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-pages/baby-jesus-in-the-temple>



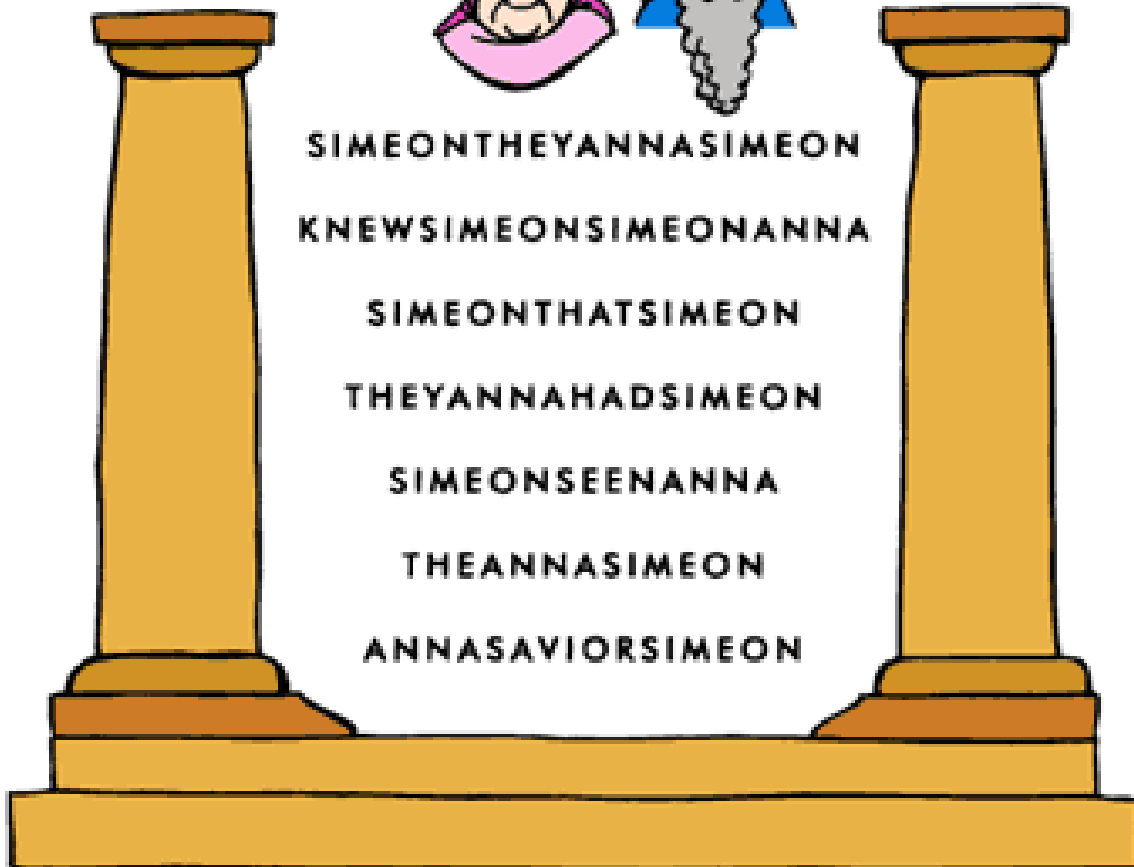
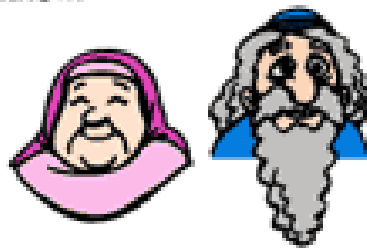
**Simeon and
Anna Thank
God**

—Luke 2



Simeon and Anna Knew

Simeon and Anna were in the temple when Joseph and Mary brought the baby Jesus to be blessed. When Simeon held Jesus, and when Anna saw Him, they both knew something very special and important. Color out the names of SIMEON and ANNA in each row of the puzzle. Read the leftover letters to find out what they knew.



Simeon and Anna Saw Jesus Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.

J E R U S A L E M N I S M O D
T I O N S E D E U G I A M V E
L A I Q U A T N G N S E C T E
T E M P L E O R E L E L I Q N
Z R I T E U F E U G O I T V A
L A O R E B O L O R S R T E Z
S U M I N A N D R E T A Y V A
L I S I T B U L M A R Y C I R
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L O R E R S E C S E M D I T T
N U L L A M C O S S E Q U I H
J O S E P H U S I M E O N A N
D R E V E L E X A R I R I U R
L A O R E M O L H R S I T E R
S U M I N E N D R E T A N N A

ANNA
BABY

GLORY
JERUSALEM

JOSEPH
MESSIAH

MARY
NAZARETH

SIMEON
TEMPLE



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