

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K & K)

Lesson #52

DATE:

SUBJECT: Simeon and Anna – Waiting a Long Time to See the Lord
(Also a Review of the Past Few Lessons)

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:25-39.

AIM: To show the children that many people waited many, many years for the birth of God's Son, the Saviour of the world.

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 2:30 "... my eyes have seen Your salvation."

Review:

For thousands of years – that's a long, long time – many people were waiting for the birth of God's Son, the Saviour. Adam, Moses, David and Elijah all waited for this wonderful birth to happen.

Then one day, God himself came to earth as a baby born in a stable in Bethlehem. This baby was very special. He was a baby just like you were at one time, but this baby was God's son. The special baby was born to be your Saviour, so all your sins, the bad things you do, could be taken away.

When He was born, the shepherds came to see Him. The wise men visited Him when He was a child and brought Him precious gifts. Now there were two people who were also waiting to see this wonderful baby. Their names were Simeon and Anna.

Content:

An old, old man named Simeon loved God very much. [*Place Simeon as in photo.*] God let Simeon know that someday he would see Jesus, God's own Son! One day Joseph and Jesus' mother Mary took Baby Jesus to God's house. Simeon was there. [*"Walk" Mary and Joseph on, carrying Baby Jesus, and place them beside Simeon.*]

The old, old man Simeon knew right away that this was Jesus, God's special baby. Very gently Simeon took Baby Jesus in his arms. [*Move Baby to Simeon's arms.*] He held the Baby very carefully because he knew that Jesus was special. He knew he was holding God's own Son! Simeon prayed to God, "Thank You, dear God. My eyes have seen Your very own Son and I love Him."

Someone else wanted to see Jesus too. It was Anna, an old, old lady. [*Place her beside Simeon.*] Anna loved God and prayed to Him every day in God's house. When the dear old, old lady saw Jesus, she said, "Thank You, dear God." Then Anna went out [*remove her*] and told her friends the good news, "God's own Son is here! I have seen Him! And I love Him."

Mary and Joseph were happy because Simeon and Anna loved God's special baby, *Show Bible Picture #5, "Simeon and Anna love Jesus."*

Aren't you glad that "God loved us and sent His Son?" Aren't you glad that the shepherds loved Jesus? And the angels loved Jesus? And the wise men loved Jesus? Don't you want to love Him too?

Let's say, "Thank You, God, for Your Son, Jesus. We love Him."

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