



Simeon and Anna

December 26

Luke 2:22-40

Object Lessons and Storytelling Ideas

- All throughout the entire Old Testament, people are waiting for the Messiah. Simeon and Anna know what the Old Testament promises and they are waiting for this one thing. God always keeps His promises, even if it takes hundreds and hundreds of years.
- Again people are saying "Come and See" what God is going to do in Jesus. Why? There's something important here – for them; for us; in Jesus – "Let's focus in" – these are our flashing lights, our big yellow arrows
 - Make "Look here!" "This is important" etc signs for the sanctuary that draw attention to an item as an example.
- Think back to yesterday morning, how many of you were excited? Did anyone have a hard time sleeping? Did you wake up early? Now imagine if you had never had a Christmas morning before, you had heard about how wonderful they can be, but never had one. How would you feel if someone told you that Christmas was finally here? That's how Simeon felt when he heard that Jesus had finally come.

Discussion Ideas and Questions

- God cares – about the old man, the widowed woman, the poor family (Mary and Joseph), the tiny baby. All are precious offerings.
- Do you remember the first time you went to church? Was it when you were a baby? How did your parents introduce you to the church? Were you dedicated in church by your parents - then this happened to you as well.

At Home Connections

- What were the different responses to the Good News? What are our responses to Jesus?
- Tell stories of taking your children to church, or going to church yourself as a child. What did it feel like to dedicate your children to the Lord?