

The Gospel of Luke - Lesson 4,

Luke 2:21-52

The Early Life of Jesus

The Bible does not record many details from the early life of Jesus. We know the family fled from Bethlehem to Egypt and later returned to Israel to live in Nazareth. In [Luke chapter 2:21-52](#) we read some incidents from the story of the early life of Jesus.

Famous Quote:

“When Jesus came to earth he did not cease to be God; when he returned to heaven he did not cease to be man.” [John Blanchard](#)

What is the difference between man and God?

Read [Luke 2:21-35](#)

1. What did they do to the baby after 8 days, and what name was given to Him?
2. What was the Jewish law for baby boys? What did Mary and Joseph sacrifice?
3. Describe Simeon. Why was he in the temple?
4. What did Simeon say about Jesus? What reaction did Mary and Joseph have?
5. What prophecy did Simeon make about Jesus in verses 34-35?

Read [Luke 2:36-40;52](#)

6. What was the name of the woman who was also in the temple?
7. How old was this woman? Do you think that is old?
8. What did this prophetess do with her life?
9. How did she react to Jesus?
10. Where did Mary and Joseph go after they had “fulfilled the requirements of the law?”
11. What do we learn about Jesus as a child from verses 40 and 52?

Chat about these words from the passage:

circumcise/conceived/purification/dedicated/sacrifice/devout/rescue/Messiah/sovereign/pierce

True or False:

- a) The Jewish law required Mary to offer two turtledoves and two pigeons.
- b) Anna was waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel.
- c) Mary and Joseph returned home to Bethlehem with Jesus.
- d) Jesus became a healthy, wealthy, and strong boy.

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For Discussion:

Why do you think this story about the visit to the Temple is included in the Bible? Simeon said that Jesus would be “a light to reveal God to the nations.” How did Jesus reveal God? Can Jesus reveal God to us today?

Anna said to Mary that “a sword will pierce your soul.” What do you think she meant?

Fill in the Blanks:

Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the _____ in _____.

Simeon believed that Jesus was a _____ to reveal God to the nations.

Anna spent her days and nights _____ God.

Mary, Joseph and Jesus returned home to _____.

Notes:

More Research

Which temple did Mary and Joseph visit with Jesus? [Learn about it here.](#)

Watch the Jesus movie here: <https://youtu.be/EWYule8ftHA>