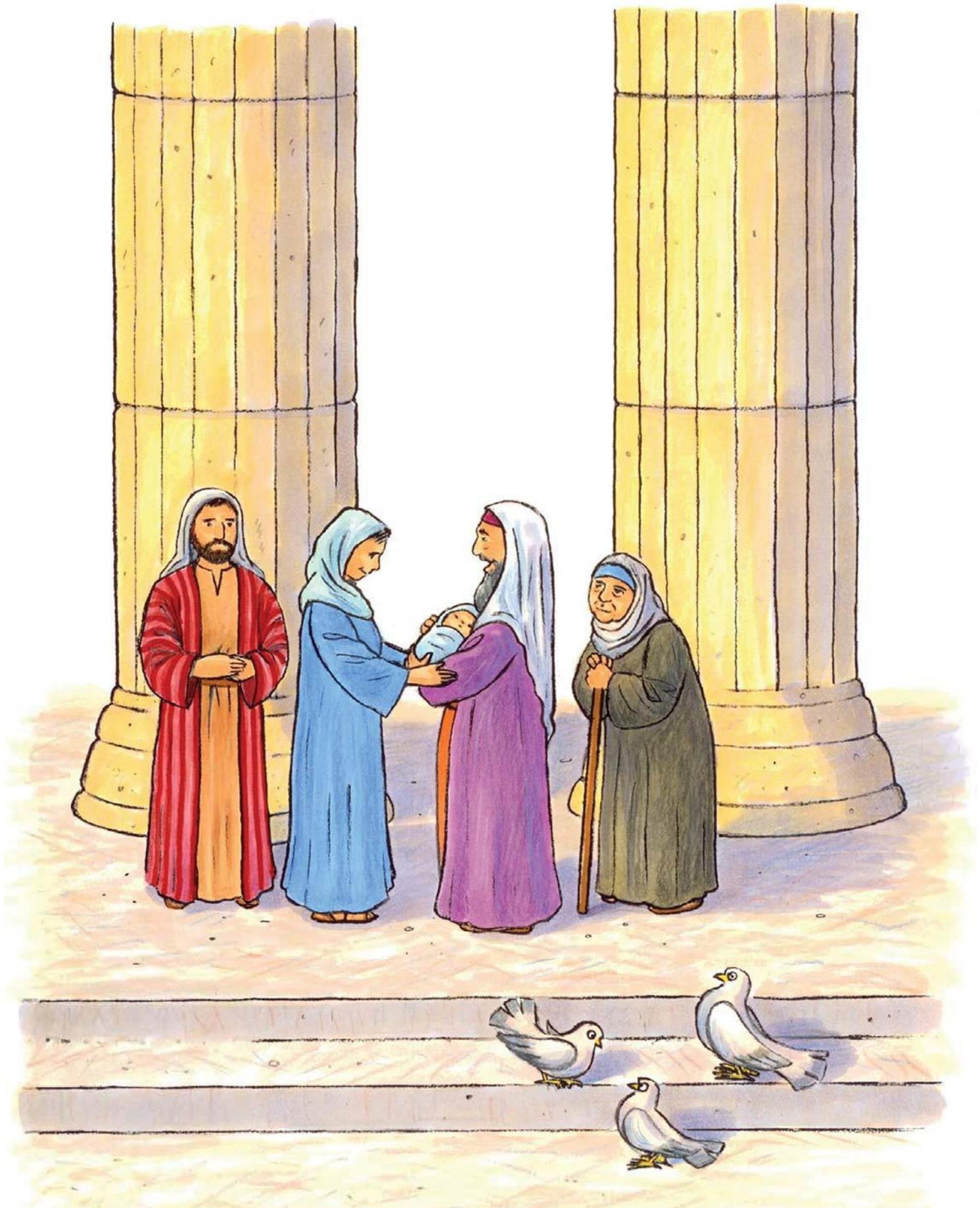


# SIMEON AND ANNA

Luke 2:21-40



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## Simeon and Anna



Mary named her baby Jesus. This was the name given to her by the angel before He was born. As required by law at the time, Mary and Joseph had to present Jesus to the Lord and offer a sacrifice to God. They went to Jerusalem.

When they arrived in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. Simeon was a just and sincere man who waited for the coming of the Messiah, whom God had promised His people.

He was told by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he saw the Lord Jesus Christ.

One day Simeon was prompted by the Holy Spirit to go into the temple. He saw the Child, he took Him in his arms, praised God and said, "Lord, now I can die in peace for my eyes have seen the Saviour whom You have sent to save humankind." Mary and Joseph were amazed by Simeon's words. Simeon blessed them.

Anna, a prophetess, was also in the temple. She was very old and a widow. She did not depart from the temple and served God by fasting and praying. Anna came to Jesus and His parents. She gave thanks to God and told everyone in Israel about Him.

After Mary and Joseph gave their offering, they returned to Nazareth in Galilee where Jesus grew up. He became strong and wise and God's grace was with Him.

### Suggestions for the Teacher

#### Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress and additional materials like a doll (for the child) ...

#### Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- Why does Simeon go into the temple in Jerusalem?  
(The Holy Spirit told him that he would not die until he has seen the Lord Jesus Christ.)
- What happens when Mary and Joseph bring Jesus into the temple?  
(They meet Simeon who had been promised to see the Redeemer in his lifetime. Simeon takes the child in his arms and praises God because he has seen the Redeemer.)
- What happens when the prophetess Anna sees Jesus?  
(She recognizes Jesus as a special child. Anna praises God.)

Have the children repeat...

- Simeon believed in God's promise and waited for its fulfilment.
- We should obey the Spirit of God as Simeon did.
- Simeon recognised Jesus as the Redeemer of humankind.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Jesus was the promised Redeemer. Simeon and Anna recognized this.
- We also recognize Jesus as our Redeemer.
- Through His work of salvation, our sins can be forgiven.
- We listen to what the Holy Spirit reveals to us in the divine services until His return.

**Repeat the Message**  
**Jesus is our Redeemer.**