



a note for PARENTS

For parents before you start:

1. Visit www.resonatemovement.org/reskidsonline
2. Set aside a time and place to go through this guide with your child(ren) and let your child(ren) know when and where that is so that you can make it an important part of your day.
3. Watch together or have your child(ren) watch the teaching video on the website.

How to use this guide:

1. Use the prompts to guide you: **PRAY** together, **READ** together, **SAY** to your child(ren) and **ASK** your child(ren).
2. When asking questions, allow time for them to think about their answers before explaining the answers to them.
3. This is only a guide. Parents, because you know your child best, feel free to use it in a way that works for you and your child(ren).

Note to parents:

We use the ESV version at Resonate. You can read the story straight from the Bible and/or download a children's version on our website. Use this guide to review the lesson from the teaching video.



LESSON GUIDE

Jesus Was Dedicated

Bible Passage: Luke 2

Story Point: There is no one like Jesus

Key Passage: John 1:1

Big Idea (Big Picture Question): Is Jesus God or human? Jesus is fully God and fully human.

Story

Watch AND/OR Read Bible Story (10 minutes)

Say to Children:

The Bible is the most important book there is because the Bible is God's Word. God's Word is true. Today's Bible story is from the Book of Luke. Luke is one of the Gospels. The Gospels tell about Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

After Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph obeyed God's words and brought Baby Jesus to the temple to give a gift to God. They brought two birds to give to God. A man named Simeon had been waiting to see the special King whom God had promised to send. God told Simeon that he would see God's special King before he died. When Mary and Joseph brought Baby Jesus to the temple, Simeon held Baby Jesus and praised God. Mary and Joseph were surprised! Then a woman named Anna also praised God and told people in the temple that Jesus was the special King whom God had promised to send. After that, Mary and Joseph took Baby Jesus home. Jesus grew up, and God was with Him.

Babies**Gospel Gems:**

- Mary and Joseph took Baby Jesus to the temple
- Simeon and Anna praised God for Jesus
- God sent Jesus to earth to be our King

Christ Connection:

God had promised His people that a Savior was coming. When Simeon and Anna saw Jesus, they knew he was the Savior. Jesus came to save people from sin. We can trust Jesus to save us from our sins; and like Simeon and Anna, we get to tell others the good news.

Pray:

Dear God, help us to obey you like Mary and Joseph obeyed God and brought baby Jesus to the temple. We are so glad that You sent Jesus to earth to be our King. Amen.

Discussion

Ask: Where did Jesus' earthly parents, Mary and Joseph, take Him to obey God's rules?
The Temple

Ask: What promise did God make to Simeon?
Simeon would not die until he saw the Messiah, Jesus

Ask: What did Simeon say it would be like for Mary to be Jesus' mother?
It would be very good but very hard

Ask: What did Anna do when she saw Jesus?
Thanked God

Ask: What did Anna tell other people?
She told everyone the good news that Jesus the Savior had come.

Ask: Is Jesus God or a human?
Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

Key Passage

Show Bible verse from your packet. Babies can use the shortened version.

Say: Let's say this verse together:

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God".

Say: We learn God's words because it helps us to know Him better and it tells us how to live.

Do: Have your child repeat after you as you read the verse in sections.

Say: When the verse says Word, it means Jesus. The Word, Anna recognized that Jesus was not an ordinary baby. They knew He was the Savior who had come to save people from sin.

Activity Page

- *Coloring page.*
- *What does not belong. Lead children to circle what does not belong in the picture.*

Optional Supplies (low prep)

Object

Lesson:

- Large sheet of paper
- Markers
- Index cards

Activity: Write Jesus, Anna, Bible, God, human, temple on a large sheet of paper in different colors. Print the same words in corresponding marker colors on index cards. Lay the large sheet of paper on the floor. Gather preschoolers, read a word on an index card, and identify the color the word is printed in. guide a child to find the like-colored word on the large paper and lay the card on its matching word. Recall portions of the Bible story as words are matched.

Say: You matched the words, Jesus, God and human. **Is Jesus God or a human?** Our key passage tells that Jesus and God are the same, but Jesus was born as a baby, he grew up and He had a family. **Jesus is both fully God and human.** Simeon and Anna understood this. They knew that Jesus was the One that God promised to save people from sin.