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T: Can I understand the thoughts and feeling of the characters in the story of the presentation of Jesus in the temple?



Our new unit in RE is called **Jesus: Light of the World and Beloved Son**



What do you know about light and darkness? Fill in this table with your ideas or you may want to write your ideas down on paper and take a picture of your work.

Light	Darkness
E.g. There is light during the day.	E.g. The darkness can sometimes make people feel scared.

Today we are going to look at the story of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

If you have a Bible at home, you can find this story in the New Testament in the book of **Luke 2:22-40**.

If not, click on the next slide to read the story.

If there are any words in the Bible story you do not understand, you could search for the definition of them in a dictionary.



Jesus Presented in the Temple

22 When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord **23** (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"^[a]), **24** and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."^[b]

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. **26** It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. **27** Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, **28** Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss^[c] your servant in peace.
30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,
31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."

33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. **34** Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, **35** so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

36 There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, **37** and then was a widow until she was eighty-four.^[d] She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. **38** Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. **40** And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.



What have we learned from this story?

Mary and Joseph were fulfilling the Jewish law by presenting Jesus in the temple. This was an act of his consecration to God. (**consecration** means the action of declaring something sacred)

Simeon had been waiting all his life for God to fulfil the promise made that Simeon would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. (**Think about how Simeon may have been feeling**)

There was a prophet named Anna (**A prophet is a person who speaks on behalf of God**). She gave thanks to God as soon as she saw Jesus in the temple.

Questions to answer



Write your answers below each question or write them on a piece of paper.

Why did Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the temple?

Who was Simeon?

What do you think Simeon meant by saying Jesus was the '**light for revelation**'?

Today's Activity



Imagine and write about the thought and feelings of Simeon and Anna and Mary and Joseph on the day Jesus was presented in the table.

There is a word document of a table for you to complete your work in.

Things to think about:

- Why did Simeon praise God?
- What do you think it meant when it said “The child’s father and mother marvelled at what was said about him”?
- How do you think Anna was feeling?