

Simeon and Anna - Sunday School lesson

Attention Grabber:

Waiting Game - Set a timer for 1 minutes and tell the kids they have to "wait" before you can begin the lesson. Ask, Is it hard to wait sometimes? Like when you wait all year for your birthday to come or for Christmas. In today's story, we're going to hear about two people who had to wait.

Bible Lesson:

The Bible tells us that there was a man named Simeon. He was in Jerusalem. God had promised him that he would get to see Jesus before he died. But, he had to wait. Day after day, he worked, went home, went to bed, worked, went home, went to bed, worked...and day after day he waited.

One day, the Holy Spirit told him to go into the temple. He went in and there saw Mary and Joseph with baby Jesus. They had come to the temple to dedicate him to the Lord. Maybe you had were a part of a baby dedication service when you were a baby.

Well when Simeon came into the temple and saw baby Jesus, he knew exactly who He was! He took Him up into his arms and blessed God and said:

Read Luke 2:28-32.

Anna, an old widow woman, also came into the temple. She was 84 years old. She did not depart from the temple, but lived near there. Maybe she helped clean up around the temple or helped take care of the plants or flowers around the property. We don't know what all she did there, but we do know the Bible says she served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

Anna came into the temple that instant and listen to what she said and did...

Read Luke 2:38.

Anna spoke to others and told them who she had seen at the temple.

Simeon and Anna had to wait to see Jesus, but He is always worth the wait!

Game: Joy/Wait Game

Tell the kids that when you say, "Joy," they should jump for joy. When you say, "Wait," they should stop. Continue calling out either Joy or Wait and allow the kids to jump/stop.

Craft: Toilet roll watch

Trace the bottom of an empty toilet roll onto white paper. Draw numbers and hands like a watch face. Cut the side of the toilet tube, so it slips onto the child's wrist like a slap bracelet. Glue the watch face to the side.