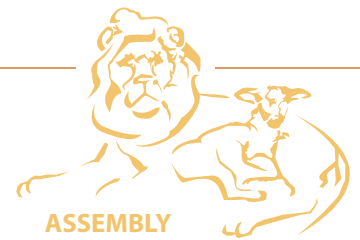


# JESUS PRESENTED IN THE TEMPLE

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: LUKE 2:22-38



*The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.*

## LESSON IDEAS

### RECITE SIMEON'S PRAYER

Have the class repeat Simeon's prayer. You may be surprised if you review it several times in class how much of it the children will remember.

My eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. (Luke 2:30-32)

### ANNA SPREADS THE WORD

#### Supplies

a baby doll or just a rolled blanket for Jesus

Act out the last part of the story with the class. Have one person play each part of Anna, Mary, and Joseph. Have the rest of the class act out the other people in the temple. Have Anna approach Mary and Joseph and then give praise to God. Then go around to the others and speak of Jesus being the Savior to each person.

You will need to coach the person who plays Anna as well as those she speaks to. The remainder of the class can watch.

### A MAP OF JERUSALEM

#### Supplies

a map of Jerusalem showing the temple's location and possibly a drawing of the temple (A good study Bible has maps and other illustrations that might help you.)

Show the children where the temple was located in the city of Jerusalem. Explain that Jerusalem was the spiritual center of the nation of Israel. Three times a year people were to make a trip to the city to worship. Explain how central the temple was to the whole community of Israel. Review the courtyards and inner rooms and their purposes.

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### WHERE IS the Gospel?

*Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.*

Simeon prophesies the death of Christ when he tells Mary that she will also be pierced with a sword through her soul. From the time of Jesus' birth throughout His ministry, His life is pointing to His sacrificial death on the cross.

