

## Jesus Presented in the Temple - Luke 2:21-40

*Topics:* Actions, Affirmation, Age, Celebration, Devotion, Expectations, Faithfulness, Holy Spirit, Praise, Prophecy, Wisdom

### Open It

- \* 1. What ceremony, ritual, or tradition in your church do you enjoy the most?
- 2. Who is one of your most interesting elderly friends?
- 3. What wisdom have you gained from your grandparents or elderly relatives?

### Explore It

- \* 4. Why did Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the temple? When? (2:22-23)
- 5. How old was Jesus the first time Mary and Joseph took Him to the temple? (2:22-23)
- 6. Who was Simeon? (2:25-27)
- 7. How did Luke describe the man named Simeon? (2:25-32)
- 8. What did Simeon do with the Christ child? (2:28-32)
- \* 9. What special significance did Christ's arrival have for Simeon? (2:26-29)
- 10. How did Simeon's prophecy point out that Christ would be the Savior for the world? (2:32)
- 11. What did Joseph and Mary do after they heard what Simeon had to say? (2:33)
- 12. To whom did Simeon address his second statement about Jesus? (2:34-35)
- 13. What did Simeon say to Mary? (2:34-35)
- 14. Who was Anna? (2:36-38)
- 15. How did Luke describe the woman named Anna? (2:36-38)
- \* 16. What was Anna's response to finding Mary, Joseph, and the Christ child in the temple? (2:38)
- 17. What were Jesus' childhood years like? (2:40)
- 18. How did Luke summarize Jesus' childhood years? (2:40)
- 19. What character qualities were apparent in Jesus during His childhood? (2:40)

### Get It

- \* 20. In what ways can we see God working behind the scenes in the events of Christ's childhood?
- 21. What of Simeon's prophecy is still true today?
- 22. What did Simeon's warning to Mary mean?
- \* 23. In what ways are Simeon and Anna examples to us?
- 24. Using Christ's childhood as an example, what character qualities should parents seek to develop in their children?
- 25. In what different ways did Anna and Simeon each receive the Christ child?
- 26. What roles can other Christians have in our life of faith?
- 27. How important is it to introduce our children to faith in God as early and consistently as possible?
- 28. If you could step back in time and stand next to Simeon, what would you want to say about the Christ child?

### Apply It

- \* 29. How could you express your thanks to God this week for becoming a human being to provide a way of salvation?
- 30. What action could you take this week to show your desire to be faithful to God?