

## Christmas Day



Introductory Question: ***What is something special you have witnessed (seen with your own eyes)?***



*Last time we focused on the theme of peace and read about when the angels announced peace to the shepherds. Today, the story continues in **Luke 2:22-33**. (Incorporate your family's or group's answers to the Introductory Question – for example,) Just as Thomas saw Niagara Falls with his own eyes, and Nancy got to see her baby nephew, in today's story, a man named Simeon got to see something with His own eyes that he had been waiting to see for a long time: the Savior.*

Tell the story from **Luke 2:22-33**, including main events such as:

- Eight days after Jesus was born, Joseph and Mary brought Him to the temple to present him to the Lord.
- Simeon was a devout man who had been waiting a long time for the Savior. “It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.”
- The Spirit led Simeon into the temple. When he saw Jesus, Simeon took Him in his arms and praised God, proclaiming, “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.” Mary and Joseph marveled at what he said.
- Years later, the apostle Paul wrote this about Jesus: “For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say ‘No’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age” (**Titus 2:11-12**).



Invite your family to spend a few minutes in Listening Prayer and Journaling: *As we've listened to these words from the Bible, God has been speaking to us through them. What is God telling you about: Himself, yourself, others, and what to do? You can talk to God about anything.*

Additional prompt: What has God done for you that you could tell someone about?



When everyone begins to finish Journaling, give each person an opportunity to share what God has been speaking to them. After each person shares, pray for them.

**KEY VERSE:** Luke 2:30-31

“For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations...”

**Additional Verses:** Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 6:23, Mark 5:19