

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

Simeon and Anna

from Luke 2:22-40

Jesus came to save the whole world!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Simeon
- Anna
- Mary
- Joseph
- Promise
- Temple

The Old Testament is full of stories and prophecies that looked toward a time when God would send a Savior for the world. Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus from those prophecies.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 226-229

Spark Bible pages 1130-1131

Family Prayer

We praise you, O God, for Jesus. You promised a savior for the world and gave us your Son! Thank you, God! In the name of our Savior we pray... AMEN!

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1** What kinds of things have you had to wait for?
- 2** How do you praise God?
- 3** Do you think it is important to learn how to wait for wonderful things? Why or why not?
- 4** What do you think Simeon and Anna looked like? Read the story again and then have everyone in your family go to a quiet place and draw a picture of the story. When you come back together, share your pictures.



Eye Spark

How many S's and A's can you find on signs this week? Remember Simeon and Anna when you see them!



Ear Spark

Listen for words that praise God in prayers. Say your own prayer using praise words like Simeon and Anna did.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Make placemats for your table that have drawings or lists of your hopes and expectations for the world in the next 10 or 100 or 1000 years. What will life be like? What might be possible years down the road? What wonderful things might God be doing then?

For younger kids

Sing a song praising God! You can make one up using a tune you already know.

For older kids

Using a computer art or word processing program, make a collage of words and pictures that praise and thank God for all the wonders in our world.