



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
Kings & Kingdoms: Advent of the King
Unit 10, Lesson 52

Recognizing the King: Simeon and Anna

Lesson Aim: To see that the Holy Spirit
helps us know Jesus.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is one time when you felt God was with you?

GAME: Bible Story Charades

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO CAME TO US

Read Worship Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-3.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform King City Chronicles script or read storybook.

THE WORD SIMEON AND ANNA

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God led the shepherds to see and worship King Jesus.

If a Bible Timeline is available, point out Jesus on Earth (Circa 1-33 A.D.).

Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to dedicate Him to the Lord. Point out the distance between Bethlehem and Jerusalem. There were two people at the temple who, when they saw baby Jesus, knew right away He was the Savior and King God had promised to send His people. Let's read about them now. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 2:25-33, 36-38. Pray. Read.

THE WAY THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US

The Holy Spirit showed Simeon he would not die before he had seen Jesus, the promised Savior. Who did Mary and Joseph take to the temple? (Baby Jesus.) Why do you think the Holy Spirit led Simeon into the temple courts that day? (To see baby Jesus.) What did Simeon do when he saw baby Jesus in the temple courts? (He took Him in his arms and praised God.)

Simeon knew Jesus was the Savior whom God had promised to send. Do you think the same Holy Spirit that led Simeon to see Jesus can lead you to know who Jesus is as our Savior? The Holy

Spirit helps us in understanding truths about Jesus. He helps us understand what we read in the Bible. Just as the Holy Spirit helped Simeon, the Holy Spirit helps us tell others about Jesus.

What was the name of the old woman who never left the temple? (Anna.) What did she do there day and night? (Worshiped God and prayed.) When Anna saw baby Jesus in the temple, she knew she had seen the Lord, just as Simeon had. She gave thanks and told everyone there about Jesus!

The Holy Spirit led Simeon to go to the temple that day. The Holy Spirit is God. He is invisible, but He leads our hearts to do what God wants us to do. Have you ever felt like you knew what God wanted you to do or to say? That feeling comes from the leading of the Holy Spirit. Imagine what it was like for Simeon and Anna to be so close to Jesus. When have you felt close to Jesus?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

More than 1000 years before the Magi saw Jesus, a man named Job knew one day he would see God standing upon the earth. Even though we cannot see God face to face right now, the Bible promises we will see God one day, too. We will see Jesus when He comes back to earth to gather all those who believe in Him. Let's see what Job says about that in the Bible. Reveal Job 19:27. Read.

Imagine what it will be like to see God with your own eyes! For now, we can see God with our hearts by reading the Bible, by seeing His creation, and by feeling His love through the love of others.

If time allows, play I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE in the GOT TIME? segment.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "I Will See God" Bookmark
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Simeon holding baby Jesus and praising God
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Knowing Our King

GAME: I Spy with My Little Eye

CRAFT: Stained Glass Window

DISCUSSION: Royal Treasures

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Crown Toss, Royal Musical Chairs

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW