Simeon and Anna

LUKE 2:22-40

This week's theme is EXPECTATIONS.
Simeon and Anna waited a long time in the temple to meet the Messiah whom God had promised to send. Their expectations were fulfilled when they met Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus.

This week our family is praying for...

Welcome, Jesus!

In this Bible story, Jesus is presented at the temple. Learn more about how babies are welcomed into your congregation during worship or other special events. Share how you have been welcomed at church over a family meal.

Thanks for Serving

Who are some older members in your church family who faithfully serve and do the work of the church? They are like modern Simeons and Annas. Choose two of these people and write them a thank-you note for their faithfulness.

What Do Others See?

Sometimes others can see things about us that we cannot see ourselves. Jesus' parents were amazed by Simeon and Anna's words about Jesus. Talk about some surprising things that you have heard said about the members in your family. How did it make you feel to hear these words?

Jumping for Thanks

Simeon thanked God for Jesus. Think about what you are thankful for. Take turns saying "Thank you, God, for . . ." while jumping up and down together. Keep jumping until you have thanked God for everything and everyone you can think of.

Temple Facts

A temple and a church are both places to worship. Do an online search for the Jewish temple in Jerusalem. Learn some facts about the temple that Jesus talked about in Mark 13:1-8. Share what you learned with a member of your church family.

Two Turtledoves

Mary and Joseph gave two turtledoves as an offering when they brought Jesus to the temple. Make two paper turtledoves and hang them on your front door. Draw the birds freehand or search online for templates or origami bird instructions.

Time to Wait

On index cards, write or draw pictures of things that you wait for. Work together to put them in order from the shortest to the longest amount of time you have to wait. How does it feel to wait for something? How does it feel different to wait for something fun than something not fun?

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Grades 5–6

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Been There, Done That!

Wait for It . . .

Write a few notes to God asking for help with **expectations** placed upon you.

Great Expectations

On the bus ride to school, you discover you didn't do your homework . . .

Wishful Thinking	Worst-Case Scenario	God-Case Scenario

You forgot your friend's birthday . . .

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Create your own . . .

Wishful Thinking	Worst-Case Scenario	God-Case Scenario