

## Unit 19 • Session 4

# Jesus Was Dedicated



**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Luke 2

**STORY POINT:** There is no one like Jesus.

**KEY PASSAGE:** John 1:1b

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** We can tell others the good news about Jesus.

### Bible Story for Toddlers

After Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph obeyed God's words and brought Baby Jesus to the temple to give a gift to God. They brought two birds to give to God. A man named Simeon had been waiting to see the special King whom God had promised to send. God told Simeon that he would see God's special King before he died. When Mary and Joseph brought Baby Jesus to the temple, Simeon held Baby Jesus and praised God. Mary and Joseph were surprised! Then a woman named Anna also praised God and told people in the temple that Jesus was the special King whom God had promised to send. After that, Mary and Joseph took Baby Jesus home. Jesus grew up, and God was with Him.

### Babies Gospel Gems

- \* Mary and Joseph took Baby Jesus to the temple.
- \* Simeon and Anna praised God for Jesus.
- \* God sent Jesus to earth to be our King.

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# BABIES Activities

## Look in the Bible

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to Luke 2. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage card.

**SAY** • Mary and Joseph took Baby Jesus to the temple. At the temple, Simeon and Anna praised God for Jesus. We can tell others the good news about Jesus too! **THERE IS NO ONE LIKE JESUS.** [*Pray.*]

## Sing a Bible story song

Sing to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb”:

“Jesus \*is God’s only Son, only Son, only Son!

Jesus \*is God’s only Son; there’s no one like Him!”

\*Substitute *came to rescue us* in the next round.

**SAY** • God sent Jesus to earth to be our King. **THERE IS NO ONE LIKE JESUS!**

## Make crown art

Provide a crown cutout from construction paper for each baby. Help babies tear and press stickers, large adhesive jewels, or foam cutouts to the crowns. Talk about the Bible story.

**SAY** • Simeon and Anna praised God for Jesus. God sent Jesus to earth to be our King. **THERE IS NO ONE LIKE JESUS!**

## Explore different textures

Provide a basket with various textures of gift wrapping ribbons, such as velvet, satin, lace, organza, raffia, and so forth. Make sure babies do not put ribbons in their mouths. As babies explore the basket, talk about how ribbons are used.

**SAY** • We wrap gifts with ribbons sometimes. Mary and Joseph took Baby Jesus to the temple to give a gift to God. **THERE IS NO ONE LIKE JESUS!**

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the gospel gems and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.