



My eyes have seen your salvation. Luke 2:30

Bible Study:



Read Luke 2:21-52. Consider how Jesus' arrival on earth has been systematically revealed to first, His earthly parents and relatives, next nearby shepherds, to neighboring nations, and in this account to the priests of the Temple. Jesus' response to His parents when they found Him in the Temple was simply, "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" His response helps us better understand the centrality of Jesus' purpose on earth – to be ALL About His Father's Will.

The gospel in the story:



The lesson for this week comes out of Luke 2:21-52 they are two stories of Jesus' visiting the Temple, first as a baby and then as a 12-year-old. In Simeon's prophecy, we see the forewarning that Jesus' coming would bring division among the people. And in the account of the 12-year-old Jesus staying at the Temple even after His parents had left for home hints at the real reason WHY His coming would be contentious: He came to be ALL about His Father's glory. But so many in Israel were looking for a messiah who would be *all about them*.

Of course that heart problem is not unique to the children of Israel; it is the nature of the selfish unregenerate heart due to sin. But as the scripture verse for this week proclaims, Jesus, in perfect submission to the **Father's will**, became salvation for anyone who would put their faith in Him.

Application

Head: Q&A key points:

Q: What promise did the Holy Spirit make to Simeon?

A: He would see the Lord's Christ before he died.

Q: What did Simeon prophesy? A: That Jesus was a Light for Revelation for all people.

Q: Who was Anna? A: A widow who lived at the temple.

Q: Where did Joseph and Mary find Jesus when they got separated? A: At the temple *teaching!*

Q: What was Jesus' response when his parents asked him why? A: Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?

Heart: Memory Verse:

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Hands: How does this affect the way we live?

Discuss ways this story illustrates that Jesus is the True Treasure that our hearts desire.

Home: How does this affect our household?

In the hustle and bustle of life, Jesus' parents lost track of Jesus! Discuss ways the busy-ness of life can cause you and your family to take your eyes off of Jesus.

Heaven: How does this help us our faith?

Consider Anna's response to seeing Jesus – she told everyone who was looking for redemption! Discuss how that message is just as important in our town today.