

## Week 16 Family Letter

# God Keeps His Promises: Simeon and Anna See Jesus

(Luke 2:22-38)

Waiting in line at the grocery store . . .

Oh, when will we be done with this chore?

Waiting for dinner to eat tonight . . .

Oh, when can I ever take a bite?

Waiting till he is done with a toy . . .

Oh, when is my turn to play and enjoy?

Waiting to open gifts under our tree . . .

Oh, what did Mom and Dad get for me?

Simeon and Anna were gray and old

When the words came true that they were told.

I'm still as young as young can be

When I know my Savior was born for me.

### Bible Words

**The Lord has fulfilled His  
promise.**

2 Chronicles 6:10

## Dear Family,

As you look at the picture together, ask your child what they notice about Simeon and Anna. Or simply ask, "Are they old or young?" Your child might think of a grandparent or great grandparent. Yes, Simeon and Anna were waiting a long time for this day, and it was finally here. Did your child mention anything about how Simeon and Anna feel? Ask your child if they are happy, sad, or scared. They are happy because they know God keeps His promises. We, too, can be happy, trusting that God will answer our prayers and give us what we need the most: salvation.

What were Simeon and Anna waiting for? Let your child color in baby Jesus. What is so special about Him? He's our Savior! He was born to give the world peace because He takes away our sins. He shines light in our sinful darkness.

Perhaps you and your child remember the first stories he or she learned this year. God first promised the Savior to Adam and Eve because they were the first people to need that promise. But God waited to send the Savior until it was the right time. In the meantime, God repeated His promise. God told Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that through the Savior, all nations of the world would be blessed. Year after year, the people waited. They had to wait a long, long time, but God is faithful to all His promises. Like Simeon, we can be so thankful the wait is over. We know Jesus our Savior and all He did to save us. We know that Jesus died on the cross to take away our sins and arose on Easter so we can be certain of eternal life. Like Simeon, we can say, "My eyes have seen Your salvation" (Luke 2:30)! Read the story on page 284 of *The Story Bible* together.

