

# The Junior Observer

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## Q&A

What man recognized Jesus as the Messiah?

What woman was always worshipping in the temple?

Read more about it in Luke 2

### A Good News Story

## Simeon Knows the Messiah

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**J**oseph and Mary had traveled to Bethlehem, the city of Joseph’s ancestors, to be counted in a census.

Mary was pregnant, and while she and Joseph were in the city, she had her baby.

When the baby was born, the angel of the Lord appeared to shepherds who were watching their flocks during the night. The angel told them a savior had been born in Bethlehem.

“And this will be a sign for you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger,” the angel said.

The shepherds went to Bethlehem. After they had found Joseph, Mary and the baby, they told everyone what the angel had said.

When the baby was eight days old, he was given the name Jesus. When Jesus was about one month old, his parents took him to Jerusalem to be presented at the temple.

At that time, a man named Simeon lived in Jerusalem. Simeon was righteous and devout, and the Holy Spirit was with him.

The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not



### Bible Trivia

What were Joseph and Mary required to sacrifice at the Temple? (Hint: Luke 2:24)

Answer: A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

die until he saw the Messiah whom God had promised his people.

The Holy Spirit led Simeon to the temple on the day Joseph, Mary and Jesus were there. The Holy Spirit allowed Simeon to recognize Jesus as the Messiah.

Simeon walked up to Mary and Joseph. He took Jesus into his arms and blessed God.

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles, and glory for your people Israel,” he said.

Joseph and Mary looked at each other. They were surprised by what they had heard.

Just then, the prophetess Anna, who worshipped in the temple all the time, came over to see the infant. She thanked God and told everyone in Jerusalem who was waiting for the Messiah all about the baby Jesus.

Afterward, Joseph, Mary and Jesus returned to their home in Nazareth. As Jesus grew and became strong, He was filled with wisdom, and God’s favor was upon Him.



(Photos provided)

### Students Share Christmas Spirit

**ABOVE:** Students from St. Mary School Builder’s Club in Sycamore made posters and dropped off a basket of goodies for the nurses at Kindred Hospital in Sycamore to show they appreciate their hard work during the pandemic.

**LEFT:** Sixth- and seventh-grade students at St. Mary School in Sycamore gave handmade Advent calendars to their pre-kindergarten (4) friends to help count the days until Jesus’ birthday.



## Puzzle

Using the hints provided, fill in the blanks in the sentences about temples.

1. Do you not know that you are the temple of \_\_\_\_\_, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16)

2. Then he measured the wall of the Temple, six \_\_\_\_\_ wide. (Ezekiel 41:5)

3. But the Lord is in his holy temple; \_\_\_\_\_ before him, all the earth! (Habakkuk 2:20)

4. Destroy this temple and in \_\_\_\_\_ days I will raise it up. (John 2:19)

Answers: Answers: 1. God; 2. cubits; 3. silence; 4. three