

# JESUS: LIGHT OF THE WORLD AND BELOVED SON

Lesson 1 - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January

UNIT E - YEAR 4 - Spring Term

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Watch the following Video clip: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mrhyc-Fbu\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mrhyc-Fbu_Y)

Luke 2:22-40 (**Adapted for Children**)

Joseph and Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem, (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be **consecrated** to the Lord”). He was their firstborn son. Even as a baby, Jesus was fulfilling God’s law! While they were in the temple a man named Simeon approached them. God had made a special promise to Simeon saying that he would get to see the promised Messiah before he died. What an amazing promise that was! When Simeon saw the baby Jesus in Mary’s arms he knew the wait for the Messiah was over.

**Consecrated**  
means to  
devote yourself  
to the worship  
of God



Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God, saying:  
“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.”

For my eyes have seen your **salvation**, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.”


Simeon had been promised by God that he would see the Messiah (Jesus) before he died, so he told God he could die in peace now as he had seen the Messiah, baby Jesus at the Temple.

**Salvation**  
means to save.

Simeon was telling God that he had seen the Saviour, Jesus, who God had sent to save the people from their sins.



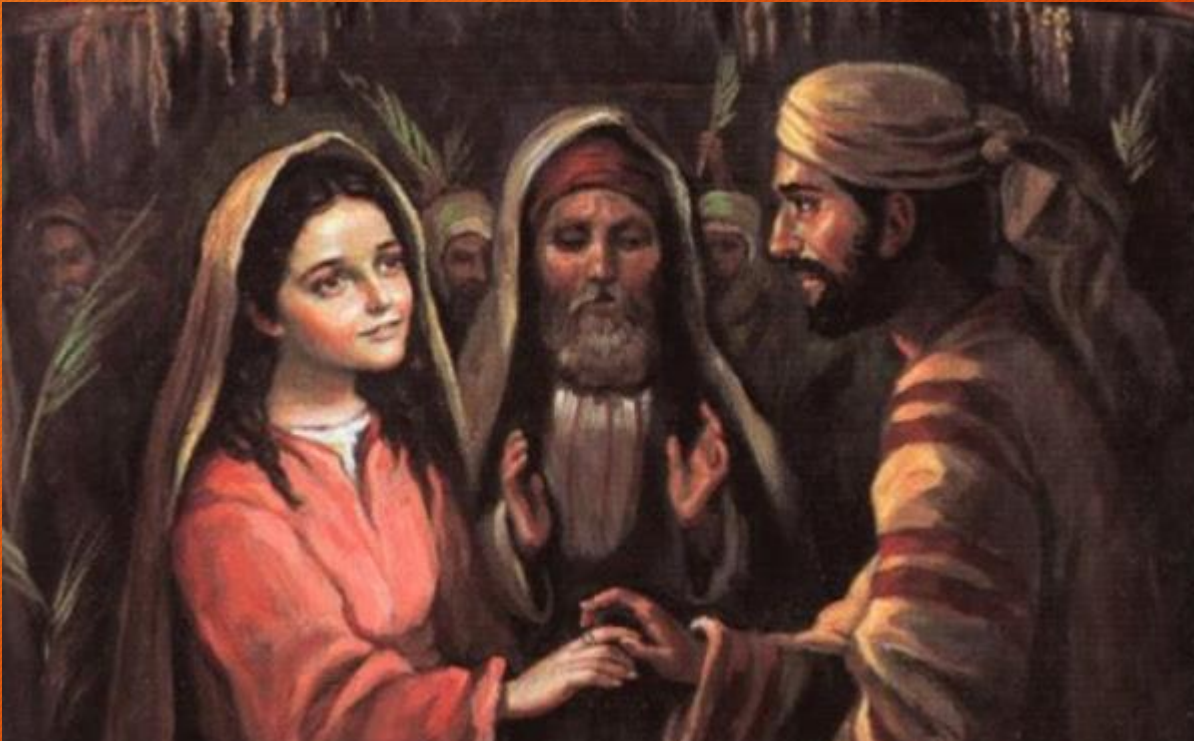
The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary,  
"This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."



Simeon was a prophet (he could give messages from God about the future). He was telling Mary that Jesus would save Israel but that Mary would suffer because of this, meaning when Jesus would die on the cross many years later.

# Independent Task:

1. Choose which character you would like to be:  
Mary                      Simeon                      Joseph



Write a diary entry in the first person describing your visit to the Temple for the presentation of Jesus.

## Make sure you:

- Write in the 1<sup>st</sup> person
- Include an introduction: what is happening/ where are you going?
- What is said? (remember the rules of direct speech!)
  - How do you feel?

Make sure you stay in character!

## Key words:

presentation  
Simeon  
consecrated to the Lord  
sacrifice  
righteous  
devout  
Messiah



**WHO'S AWESOME?**  
YOU'RE AWESOME

I look forward to  
reading your  
work, well done  
Year 4

