

## Family Discipleship: Jesus Was Dedicated

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Hello Bret

It is a great day to start with a time of discipleship. I truly am blessed to serve such amazing parents who long to see Christ magnified in their family lives. I pray that you feel empowered and equipped to lead your family through milestones and faith formation as we journey together.

Blessings, Jeff



## Jesus Was Dedicated

Read [Matthew 2:1-23](#); [Luke 2:21-52](#)

Television commercials are always making big promises. A gecko promises that 15 minutes can save you 15 percent on your car insurance, a pink bunny promises that his batteries keep going and going and going, and we've all heard the paper towels that promise to pick up messes quicker. These are great advertisements, but can we really trust what they promise?

When Simeon was an old man, he remembered the promise God had made to him. God had told Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah—the promised Savior. But could he trust this promise?

Simeon saw Jesus being dedicated at the temple and the Spirit told him that this baby is the Messiah. Simeon got to hold Jesus—the promised Savior—in his arms! Simeon rejoiced because God had kept His promise.

The promises we hear on TV or from others are often broken. While we're not that good at keeping promises, we can trust that God is always faithful to do what He says He will do! The promises of God are always perfect and there is no greater proof than the birth of Jesus—the promised One who will save people from sin!

**Throughout the Old Testament, God promised the arrival of a King who would redeem people. When Jesus arrived, Simeon and Anna knew He was the promised Messiah, God's own Son. We can trust Jesus for our salvation, and like Simeon and Anna, we should share the good news.**

**Pray:** God, You are the promise keeper! We can trust in You do what You say because You are faithful and perfect in all Your ways. Our greatest proof of Your faithfulness is that You sent Jesus just as You promised. We want to be like Simeon who looks to Jesus and recognizes Him as the One who will save people from sin!  
Amen.

## Family Experience

### FAMILY PRAYER TIME

#### **Mornings**

Ask God to remind You of His promises and His ability to always keep His promises. How do the stories of God's faithfulness in the Bible help us to trust Him now?

#### **Evenings**

Praise God for the peace, joy, and hope we can have in Him because He is a faithful God. Thank Him for the examples of faithfulness you read in Scripture and see in your own experiences. How does God's faithfulness give us peace and joy right now? How does God's faithfulness give us hope for the future?

## **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

### **For Fun**

Make a promise like going out for ice cream or having a family movie night that will be fulfilled later in the week. Throughout the week, talk as a family about what it's like to wait and how waiting might make you forget or doubt the promise. As you get closer to the fulfillment of the promise, talk about the joy and anticipation each person feels.

Compare all the feelings of the week to what Simeon might have felt. Remind kids that God can always be trusted to keep His promises

### **To Serve**

Take a flower arrangement to a senior adult Bible study group. Write the words of 2 Corinthians 1:20 on a tag and attach it to the bouquet. If possible, ask members of the group to share how they have seen God's faithfulness in their life. Remind kids that God always keeps His promises.

## **MEMORY VERSE**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29,

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# WORSHIP IN THE PARK

September 15

10 am Worship

Tilles Park

Gloria Rogers  
Shelter

Lunch



## Worship in the Park

Worship in the Park – Join us on Sunday, September 15, at 10:00 am for worship, lunch, and fellowship in the beautiful outdoors! We will meet in the Gloria Rogers Shelter at Tilles Park. Bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets if you'd like. Limited picnic bench seating will be available. The church will provide King Edwards' fried chicken for lunch. If your last name starts with A-N, bring a side dish for the meal; O-Z, bring a dessert. To help with the cost of fried chicken, please consider donating \$4/person or \$15/family using the link here or bringing cash/check to the park. We look forward to this annual fall day of worship in the beautiful park right across the street!

## Theme for September



# Preparing for Ministry

Jesus, the long-promised Messiah, had finally arrived, but in a rather unexpected way. From the start, though, every detail of Jesus' life was to reveal and advance His mission of being the sacrifice for the sins of the world.

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