

Checking All the Boxes

PASTOR MIKE YODER • LUKE 2:21-52



The Baby Jesus at the Temple (2:21–40)



*Mary & Joseph Present Jesus
to the Lord (2:21–24)*



*On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child,
He was named Jesus, the name the angel had given Him
before He was conceived.*

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord

(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”),

and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

Jesus' ministry shows where hearts really are before God. Jesus will expose those who do not believe. He is a litmus test. [His] presence reveals their true colors.

Darrell Bock

Believing, righteous, obedient parents are a tremendous blessing to any child. Our obedience creates a context for a growing child to see the need for his own obedience to the Father.

Thabiti Anyabwile

*Simeon Praises God for Providing
His Salvation (2:25–35)*



Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him.

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for Him what the custom of the Law required,

Simeon took Him in his arms and praised God, saying:

Luke 2:28

*“Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You may now dismiss
Your servant in peace.”*

Luke 2:29

“For my eyes have seen Your salvation,”

Luke 2:30

“which You have prepared in the sight of all nations:”

“a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

Luke 2:32

The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about Him.

Luke 2:33

*Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, His mother:
“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.”

Luke 2:35

All of life is service offered to God. Anna's activity pictures a person totally focused on serving God.

*Anna Proclaims Jesus as
God's Redemption (2:36–40)*



There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,

and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.

Luke 2:37

Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

Luke 2:38

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth.

And the child grew and became strong; He was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on Him.

Luke 2:40

Our children were made to know and love God through faith in Christ. We know they were given to us so we might shepherd them to Christ. How wonderful it is to tell our children they are loved by God.

Thabiti Anyabwile

The Boy Jesus at the Temple (2:41–52)



*Jesus Goes “Missing”
at *Passover* (2:41–45)*



Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover.

Luke 2:41

*When He was twelve years old, they went up to the festival,
according to the custom.*

Luke 2:42

After the festival was over, while His parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it.

Thinking He was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for Him among their relatives and friends.

When they did not find Him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for Him.

Luke 2:45

*Jesus Amazes, Perplexes,
& *Matures* (2:46–52)*



After three days they found Him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

*Everyone who heard Him was amazed at His understanding
and His answers.*

Luke 2:47

When His parents saw Him, they were astonished. His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for You.”

“Why were you searching for Me?” He asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in My Father’s house?”

Luke 2:49

But they did not understand what He was saying to them.

Then He went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

Luke 2:51

*And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with
God and man.*

Luke 2:52

Your parents are the authority God has placed in your life for your blessing and protection. When you honor your parents, you honor your God. Resist the temptation to think you don't need to submit to your parents.

Thabiti Anyabwile

The struggle that the parents had is similar to the disciples' struggles. All will have to wrestle with Jesus' identity and decide exactly who Jesus is.

**A perfect Savior required
perfect fulfillment. Jesus
embodied precisely that.**

