



January 8th, 2012

When Jesus Came 3

I. Synopsis *(a summary of the lesson from this week)*

When Jesus came to the earth on the very first Christmas, He changed everything! But Jesus didn't just come to those people back then, Jesus came for all of us! Join us as we hear people tell stories about when Jesus came into their lives. When you invite Jesus into your life, you can have your own story of when Jesus came into your life too!

You can watch the teaching segments from this week at: <http://lifekids.lifechurch.tv/toon-town/unit-82/Waiting>. It will be helpful to watch this segment before talking about it with your child. Or, you all can watch it together as a family – it's only about 15 minutes long!

II. Hook: *(a fun, interactive activity that helps connect to a spiritual conversation)*

Pick out a particular kind of candy or other dessert that your child really enjoys eating. Give it to him or her, but say that he or she is not allowed to eat it yet. Ask your child how long he or she could wait before eating the dessert. Before eating it, talk about why waiting can be so hard. Feel free to find other creative ways to make your child wait to finally eat the treat. Then, after sharing the treat as a family, transition by talking about the fact that sometimes God makes us wait to receive the things that He has promised us.

III. Book *(a review of the Bible verse and Bible phrase taught this week)*

Have your child lookup and read Luke 2:30 NIV, or read it yourself: "For my eyes have seen your salvation."

Then read the phrase for this week: "When I WAIT for what Jesus has in store, I'll see His salvation and so much more!"

IV. Look *(a series of questions to talk about with your child)*

First, ask your child what he or she remembers from the story that they watched on Sunday. You can remind them that after this week we focused on Anna and Simeon, who lived in the temple and had waited all their lives to see God's Son. They were so thankful for what God had done. They were so happy that God had kept His promises to His people! They also told Jesus' parents that this special child would change the entire world!

Next, discuss the following questions:

- How hard do you think it was for Simeon and Anna to wait their entire lives to see God's Son?
- How do you think Simeon and Anna felt when they finally saw God's Son?
- How would Jesus change the world?
- What are you waiting for? What would you like to see God do in your life?

V. Took *(what you want your child to remember from this story)*

1. Simeon and Anna waited their entire lives to see God's Son. God has promised that they would see Him before they died.
2. After many years, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple, and Simeon and Anna were so happy that God has kept His promise.
3. When Jesus came, He changed everything. He died on a cross to pay the penalty for our mistakes. And He rose from the dead to prove that we could become part of God's family!

Talk with your child about how much God loves each of us. Discuss what it means to believe in Jesus and accept Him as Lord and Savior. You can also talk about how often we have to wait to receive what God has promised. But even though the waiting is hard, God always keeps His promises!

VII. Close with Prayer