

WHAT WE ARE TEACHING THIS WEEK



TODAY'S TRUTH

The more we know God, the more we can trust Him.
God keeps His promises.

BIBLE STORY

Simeon and Anna -
life of prayer
Luke 2:25-38

MEMORY VERSE

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks always.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18a

KEY QUESTION

How does God want us to pray?

BIG TRUTH

God wants us to know Him.

Prayers of the Bible
WBS Kids Lesson #18
Luke 2:25-38

Hook: Raise your hand if you have ever waited a really long time for something you wanted (maybe your birthday? Or Jesus' birthday?) How long did you wait? When the day finally came and your waiting was over, was it as awesome as you expected it to be?

Book: Well today, we're going to hear about 2 people who waited almost their WHOLE lives for Jesus our Savior to be born. Their names are Simeon and Anna. They spent most of their time with God, reading and praying in the temple. And even sometimes going without lunch so they had more time to think about God.

Tell Simeon and Anna's story from Luke 2:25-38 **OR** show this video by Crossroads Kid's Club: *God's Story - Simeon and Anna*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leN-xNrkJbo>

Look: *(Have kids stay seated after the video ends)*
Psalm 5 in the bible is a prayer to God. Verse 3b says:
"In the morning I pray to you.
I wait for you with Hope."

Simeon and Anna expected God to do something amazing that only God could do. They were SURE that God would send His son to save His people from sin! How did they know this? Because they spent so much time being close to God that they just knew He would keep His promise...even if they had to wait a L-O-N-G time. Let's praise God for always keeping His promises.

Took: The more we know God, the more we can trust Him. God keeps His promises.

Memory Verse: Rejoice always, pray continuously, give thanks always. 1 Thessalonians 5:15-16

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for pouring your Love out to us from Heaven. Thank you for the greatest blessing of all - your Son Jesus. We need your help to be close to you like Anna and Simeon. Please remind us to be joyful, thankful, and talk to you all day long about everything. AMEN.

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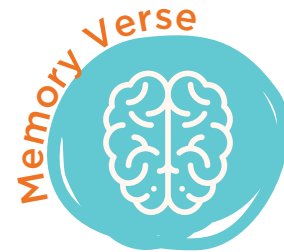


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