

Lesson Guide 5 – The Life of Jesus (Purification at the Temple/Wise Men Visit) Luke 2:21-38, Matt. 2:1-12

Pre-class Activity – Class Starter Worksheet (Brainercise Answer: **Grapes**, Who Am I: **Peter**)

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Prayer Requests

Praise
Thanksgiving
Concern
Grow up to be like Jesus

2

Dedication at the Temple – Purification Ritual

Exodus 13:1-2

1 The LORD said to Moses, 2 “Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal.”

Leviticus 12:8

8 But if she cannot afford a lamb, she is to bring two doves or two young pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering. In this way the priest will make atonement for her, and she will be clean.’ ”

Simeon – lived in Jerusalem who was righteous and devout. The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s Christ. He held Jesus in his arms and praised God, he said, “As you have promised now you can dismiss your servant in peace.”

3-7

Prophetess named Anna – She was a widow whose husband had died after they had been married 7 years. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying, she spoke about the child to all who were looking forward for the redemption of Jerusalem.

8

Visit of the Magi

- Magi from the East come to Jerusalem
- The Magi inquire about the birth of king of the Jews
- King Herod is disturbed
- Herod consults religious leaders on location of Christ’s birth
- Herod instructs Magi to report back to him
- Magi present gifts and worship Jesus
 - **Gold** – precious metal, but maybe even less expensive than Frankincense or Myrrh
 - **Frankincense** - is an aromatic resin used in incense and perfumes. Frankincense is tapped from the scraggly but hardy trees by striping (slashing the bark) and letting the exuded resin bleed out and harden.
 - **Myrrh** – used as an oil to anoint, also harvested from trees
- Magi are warned in a dream to return home by another route

9-15

Discussion Question – What do you think Joseph and Mary thought about all the attention their baby Jesus was receiving?

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