

Anna and Simeon

Luke 2:21-41

Kindergarten and Grade 1

Large Group	(Where we all meet together and introduce the lesson)
Materials needed - TV or computer, costumes for Anna and Simeon, paper and pencils	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Greet all the kids as they come in. Ask them how they are doing, and chat with them about their week.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pray together, ask if anyone has any prayer requests, encourage kids to pray for each other.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Our memory verse for the month is Matthew 5:8. Play this video while singing along, or have a little dance party. (http://www.worshiphousekids.com/kids-worship-song-tracks/55959/they-will-see-god-matthew-58)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Have two people come up, introduce them as Simeon and Anna. Ask them to sit on opposite sides of the room so the kids can approach them and talk to them separately. Tell the kids, they have 5 minutes to find out as much as they can about these people but they can only ask them questions that can be answered yes or no. Have paper and pencils ready in case they would like to write anything down. Once the 5 minutes are over, let the kids share what they have learned with the group.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Let's watch this video together - https://vimeo.com/191202070	

Break up into small groups

Review The Story	(a chance to review the bible passage with the small group)
Materials needed - Baby Jesus doll, Anna or Simeon sheets, tape	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Greet everyone in your small group, make sure everyone knows each others names. Say a prayer together either by repeating after one of the teachers or just letting them pray.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ask the kids if they can think of a time that someone promised them something and then that promise came true. Think of a story from your own life and share it to start them off in the right direction. Once you have shared your stories tell the kids that the one person who always keeps their promises is God.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Act out the story together. Pick different people to be Anna, Simeon, Mary and Joseph (use a baby doll to be Jesus). Have them pretend to walk into temple. Have Anna and Simeon get excited to see Jesus, prompt them both to say "I have seen Jesus and I know that God keeps His promises.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Help the kids learn the point of today's lessons by chanting over and over again, "God keeps His promises." Ask them to do various activities while chanting, jump up and down, pretend to ride a bicycle, stand on one foot, then stand on the other foot, pretend to swim, etc	

Life Application (an opportunity for kids to apply the lesson to their own lives)

Materials needed - bible promises pages, balloons, tape, pen

- Before the lesson begins, take each bible promise page, fold it up, put it inside a balloon, blow up the balloon and tape the whole thing to the ceiling. (In the end there should be 3 balloons taped to the ceiling).
- Tell the kids "we are going to make it rain bible promises from God". Give one kid a pen and let them use a chair so they can pop the balloon. The promise should come down. Ask another kid to open the promise and help them read what it says. Have the kids repeat the promise a few times.
- Hand out the picture pages to the kids. Encourage them to draw themselves in the middle square and to colour in the border.

Memory Verse (a way to introduce and reinforce this months memory verse)

Materials needed - memory verse sheets and tape

- Tape the memory verse sheets to different walls in the room. Read through the memory verse with the kids while running to the wall where the verse is written.
- Go through the memory verse many times while letting the kids run and read the verse. Get out your stop watch and time the kids, let them see if they can get faster as a group.

Large group activity

Regroup (a chance to come back together to see what you have learned)

Materials needed - mix and mingle game sheets, the grade 4,5 kids will need bibles

- Tape the names of bible verses on the front of all the grade 4,5 kids, the actual bible verses on all the grade 2,3 kids and the bible promises on all the kindergarten and grade 1 kids.
- Ask them to get into groups of 3, a promise, written bible verse and the name of the bible verse should all be sitting together.
- Once they have all found each other, ask them to figure out a way to act out the bible promise without saying a word.
- Have each group act out their promise, while everyone else guesses the promise.
- If there is time left, let the kids play together, get out the hockey nets or soccer ball and lego.