

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | Luke 2:25-40

SESSION SUMMARY

To obey God's law, Jesus's parents took Him "to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord" (Luke 2:22). While there, they saw two older believers who had faithfully served God and waited for the birth of the Messiah. Both Simeon and Anna praised God for Him and for the coming redemption of Israel. In this session, we'll see that Jesus is the One we've waited for to restore us and save us. These are the main points:

- Wait expectantly for Jesus (Luke 2:25-35).
- Wait faithfully serving Jesus (Luke 2:36-40).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- How would each person in our family define the word "hope"? What does hope mean to our family as a whole?
- What is our family waiting and hoping for right now? Why?
- How do Simeon and Anna's examples show our family what it means to wait for and hope in the Lord?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Write out a few things your family enjoys or does regularly. Give each person several small slips of paper and a writing utensil. Ask, "How long is too long to wait for . . ." ? (Ideas include: food to be delivered at your favorite restaurant, a specialty coffee to be made at the coffee shop, a movie to start, an encore at a concert, getting up from the dinner table, practice to end, etc.) Each person should write his or her answer on a slip of paper and place it facedown in the middle of the table. Discuss why each person believes that's an acceptable amount of time. Waiting is difficult, but it's part of life and life with God. Waiting for Jesus is different: We wait with sure hope of what's to come. We know that He will do all that He has promised.