

Sola Publishing Children’s Message 1st Sunday after Christmas – Year A		SOLA 
What Happened After Christmas?		
Readings	1) Isaiah 61:10-62:3 2) Galatians 4:4-7 3) Luke 2:22-40	
Scripture Focus	Luke 2:22-40	
Take Away	None	
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Possible pictures to illustrate the story. (freebibleimages.org)	
Message What happened last week? (Christmas) Christmas is just the beginning of the story. Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem and there was no room at the inn. So, the baby Jesus was born in a stable (silent night, holy night). Then, the angels showed up in the night sky (gloria) and told the shepherds, and the shepherds came to the stable. But what happened next? What happened after the shepherds left? Jesus didn’t stay in the stable forever. Today I’m telling you more of the story. After all the visitors left the stable, the night was over and the sun came up, there were things to do. Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus needed a place to stay in Bethlehem that was not a stable. They did that, and after 8 days, Jewish babies had a ceremony where they named the baby and did other things. What name did Mary and Joseph give the baby? (Jesus!) Do you remember why they picked that name? (The angel told them to.) When Jesus was about 40 days old, Mary and Joseph took him to the temple in Jerusalem to be presented at the temple (the church) and dedicated or given to God. It was kind of like when we baptize babies. When they were at the church, something happened. A man named Simeon came up and knew that Jesus was God’s Son and the Savior. The Spirit told him. Then a lady named Anna and she saw the baby Jesus too, and knew he was the Son of God. When they left the temple, do you think they kept it a secret? Nope. They told EVERYONE! It was a great day for them! What do you think about that? That’s a lot of traveling for people who don’t have a car! Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, Only you could save us. Thank you for being born on earth. You are Immanuel / God with us. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	