

Sola Publishing Children’s Message Christmas 1 – Year C		SOLA 
Simeon		
Readings	1) Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15 2) Colossians 3:12-17 3) Luke 2:22-40	
Scripture Focus	Luke 2:22-34	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Free Bible Images Illustrations https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/simeon-anna/	
Message When Jesus was born nobody knew anything about baptism. They did something different. They took all the first born Jewish babies in a family to the temple in Jerusalem to present them to God. It was a way of saying, “This baby is yours, God. I give him to you and will raise him to know you. Thank you for this great gift.” That’s what Mary and Joseph did with Jesus. When he was 8 days old, they took him to the temple in Jerusalem and there they met a Priest called Simeon. Simeon was an old man who loved God and tried really hard to live a life that followed what God wanted. Simeon believed that the Savior God promised would come someday. Then, one day, the Holy Spirit visited Simeon and said, “Simeon, you will see the Savior before you die.” This was very happy news to Simeon. I don’t know if he did, but I’m sure he wanted to shout, “Hooray!” and dance around and tell everyone. Don’t you? What would you do if you got good news like that? Not long after, Simeon was joyfully working in the temple and who do you think walked in? Yes! It was Mary and Joseph, and Jesus. Simeon did what he did with all the young boys and picked him up and blessed him. He knew immediately who this boy was and his heart filled with great joy. He said to God, “Lord, I can die in peace now, for my eyes have seen how you will save all of your people.” Then Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph too. Your parents did just about the same thing for you. For most of us, when we were a baby and were old enough, our parents brought us to church and the pastor blessed us and baptized us. Your parents said, “God thank you for this child, I trust him/her to you and will raise him/her to know you.” Some people get baptized when they’re a bit older, and sometimes a grown-up asks to be baptized too, if they weren’t baptized before. When we’re baptized, God brings us into his family. Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear God, Only you / can make us / part of Your family. Thank you for that great gift. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	



