

Do you know there was a law among the Jews that every first born son must be dedicated to God? Jesus was no ordinary baby and was born to save all humanity.



When Joseph and Mary carried baby Jesus into the temple at Jerusalem, they met an old man named Simeon. He was a holy man, whom God's Spirit had promised that he would not die until he had seen the promised Messiah.

When Simeon saw the child Jesus, he was overcome with joy. He took the child in his arms and thanked God for letting him see the Saviour. Simeon blessed and told Mary that her child was chosen by God for the fall and rise of many in Israel, but not all people would accept Him as their Saviour, and He would suffer for the good of humanity.



**Book:** Jesus the Liberator by Jon Sobrino, SJ is a famous book on the vision outlined in the Sermon at the Synagogue.

**Painting:** Jesus preaching in the synagogue at Capernaum is a work of the Polish-Jewish artist Maurycy Gottlieb (1856-1879).

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Simeon was not the only one to recognise the promised Messiah. There was an old woman named Anna who was always in the temple worshipping God and spreading His message. When Anna saw the baby, she began praising God and telling people that the Saviour had arrived.

Joseph and Mary were surprised that their child was no ordinary human but someone who would save the people of Israel. They felt very happy and thanked God.

"A light to reveal your will to the Gentiles and bring glory to your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at the things Simeon said about him. Luke 2: 32-33

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Father, please help us accept Jesus as our Saviour and make us listen to His words always. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen.

## Let's Sing a Christmas Carol. You can choose your own



Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible says Mary's boy child Jesus Christ, was born on Christmas Day Hark, now hear the angels sing, a king was born today And we will live for evermore, because of Christmas Day

While shepherds watch their flocks by night They see a bright new shining star They hear a choir sing a song, the music seemed to come from afar Hark, now hear the angels sing, a king was born today And we will live for evermore, because of Christmas Day

Almost everyone makes sweets at home to celebrate Christmas. Please distribute sweets to needy children in your locality.





Christmas is around the corner. After the carols, let's make a crib. Below is an outline of the crib. Colour and give it a fresh look and beautify as much as you can.

