

International Bible Lesson

Study Guide for Luke 1:26-31, 2:22, 25-35

New International Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

(Luke 1:26) In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,

(Luke 1:27) to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

(Luke 1:28) The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

(Luke 1:29) Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

(Luke 1:30) But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.

(Luke 1:31) You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

(Luke 2:22) When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

(Luke 2:25) Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him.

(Luke 2:26) It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

(Luke 2:27) Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required,

(Luke 2:28) Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

(Luke 2:29) “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

(Luke 2:30) For my eyes have seen your salvation,

(Luke 2:31) which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

(Luke 2:32) a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

(Luke 2:33) The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him.

(Luke 2:34) Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against,

(Luke 2:35) so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?