

International Bible Lesson

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

New Revised Standard 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 the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,

(Luke 1:27) to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

(Luke 1:28) And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

(Luke 1:29) But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

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

(Luke 1:31) And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

(Luke 2:22) When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

(Luke 2:25) Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

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

(Luke 2:27) Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,

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

(Luke 2:29) “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

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

(Luke 2:31) which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

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

(Luke 2:33) And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

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

(Luke 2:35) so that the inner thoughts of many 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?