

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: First Sunday after Christmas, Year B

Please refer to Guidelines for Children's Addresses in Worship document produced by the LCA Department of Liturgics and Grow Ministries - download guidelines [here](#).



MAIN POINT

Who is this baby Jesus?

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God. Luke 2:27-28

ADDRESS

Cradle your arms as if you are holding a baby

What might I might be pretending to hold when I hold my arms like this?

Listen to ideas.

A baby.

There was a time when your parents held you in their arms like this. And when they did, they probably asked themselves: I wonder what my baby might do in the future?

- **My baby might be the future prime minister of Australia / New Zealand.**
- **My baby might become a great researcher and discover a cure for cancer.**
- **My baby might become a great artist or musician.**

We are not always sure what we will do when we grow up. But what we do know is that God promises to care for us and bless us as we grow up.

Long ago, Mary held her baby Jesus in her arms. A man named Simeon had been waiting to meet baby Jesus. Simeon was so excited to see baby Jesus because he knew that he would grow up to save all people from their sin. And, that is just what happened! Jesus grew up to save us and set us free from sin.

How amazing that Simeon knew what Jesus would grow up to do.

Let's ask for the Holy Spirit to help us know what God wants us to do as we grow up too!

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, just as Jesus was once a baby, so we were once babies too! As we grow up help us to know what it is you want us to do. Amen

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home*, *Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.