

# How Do You Celebrate Christmas?

Luke 2:36-38

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- 1-7 Jesus is born
- 8-20 Angels announce Jesus' birth to the shepherds
- 21-24 Jesus is presented in the temple
- 25-35 Simeon blesses the child and his parents
- 36-38 Anna praises God and tells the good news to others

## **Anna was a godly senior citizen**

Anna was married for seven brief years and was a widow for the rest of her life. She chose a lifetime of service over remarriage.

## **Anna lived with a sense of expectation**

Anna was part of the remnant looking for the Messiah. She knew her only hope was in the mercy and grace of God.

## **Anna demonstrated single-minded devotion**

Anna made the temple her permanent home. She was not idle, but made worship, prayer, and fasting her chief occupation.

## **Anna was in tune with God**

In God's providential timing, Anna was in the temple near where Simeon stood as he blessed Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. Without an invitation, she approached the baby Jesus just as Simeon had done. She recognized what God was doing in the person of this child.

## **Anna responded with praise**

Anna gave thanks to God. Her long years of passionately petitioning God gave way to an outburst of joyous praise.

## **Anna responded by telling the good news to others**

Anna did much more than sing praises and give thanks. She turned to the other worshippers and announced that the Messiah had come. She could not stop talking about Jesus.

Like Anna, we can celebrate Christmas by  
Praising God for Jesus  
Telling others about Jesus