

Family Table Talk

Opportunity
Christian Fellowship

for the week of December 24, 2017

Discuss and apply the truth of God's Word as a family.

Read it . . .

Luke 2:22-40

Finally! The Messiah!

According to the Law of Moses a first born boy in a Jewish family belongs to God. Even the animals. So the parents (or the owners of the animal) had to buy back (redeem) their son from God with a special sacrifice at the temple. Does that sound strange to you?

Remember the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. Do you remember the story of Passover? They got their freedom at the cost of the firstborn sons of the Egyptians. God wanted them to remember that their freedom came at a cost they didn't have to pay.

So Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus to the temple with a pair of doves for a sacrifice (doves were a cheap sacrifice for people as poor as Joseph and Mary were).

But think about what was going on!

We all were slaves to sin. Sin made a barrier between us and God. But God would win us our freedom at the cost of His own Son. Because of what Jesus would grow up to do, we can all become Children of God. God wants us all to grow up like Jesus "in wisdom and stature, in favor with God and man."

<p><u>Sunday</u></p> <p>Read Luke 2:22-24</p> <p>What does Jesus' name mean? (Did you know that in Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke, His name was pronounced Y'shua, or Joshua?)</p>	<p><u>Monday</u></p> <p>Merry Christmas!</p> <p>Happy Birthday, Jesus! Come again, soon!</p>	<p><u>Tuesday</u></p> <p>Read Luke 22:25-35</p> <p>What did old Simeon say about Jesus and what He would do? How did Simeon know?</p>
<p><u>Wednesday</u></p> <p>Read Galatians 4:4-7</p> <p>You are a child of God! Talk about what that means.</p>	<p><u>Thursday</u></p> <p>Read Isaiah 61:10-62:3</p> <p>How did Isaiah feel about being saved by God?</p>	<p><u>Friday</u></p> <p>Read Psalm 148</p> <p>Who should praise God? Are you on the list? Why should we praise God?</p>

Memory Verse: Luke 2:30-32

For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.

Coming Up Next Week:

Take It from the Top