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life on another level

Student Workbook

YEAR 1

**Seasons and
Celebrations**

Christmas

Bible Readings

Luke 1&2



Learning Outcomes

At the end of this week you will be able to:

- See the miracle in the birth of Jesus.
- Recognise that He is the Messiah.
- Understand how Old testament prophecies were fulfilled.

Notes from Bible Reading

Scripture A word or phrase that stood out to me:

Observation What is happening in this Bible reading?

Application Something that I learned about who I am or how I should live:

Prayer What I would like to say to God, ask of God, or what I think God is saying to me:

Key Question What was all the fuss about? Who was this child?

Engage

Go around the group and share one thing for each heading that has happened since you last met:

- Plus – What has been good or enjoyable?
- Minus – What has been difficult or painful?
- Interesting – What has been unusual or thought provoking?

What Christmas traditions do you follow in your family – time of opening presents, food eaten or whatever.

Do you know any tradition from other countries?

Explore – Locate

- *What stood out to you in the Bible readings this week?*
- *What did you find meaningful or significant?*
- *Is there anything that you didn't understand or found confusing?*
- *Any questions or comments you may have?*

Read together: Luke 2:23-38

Mary and Joseph did the right thing by taking Jesus to the temple to offer a sacrifice to the Lord. During this visit they met two people Simeon and Anna. They were both very keen God followers and they both recognised something about Jesus that wasn't seen by others – that he was the Messiah.

Simeon had been actively waiting for this moment as he had been told by God that he would see the Christ before he died. Remember that up to this point God had not spoken with His people for over 300 years [the time gap between the Old and New Testaments]. The Holy Spirit led Simeon to the temple at the specific time that Mary and Joseph brought Jesus. Simeon immediately recognised who the baby was and thanked God. He then went on to say he could die in peace and also made some amazing statements concerning the baby. Simeon also had some words of encouragement for Mary – who must have been wondering what was happening!

Anna too understood who the special child was and also thanked God for him. She went on to talk to everyone about the child, especially those who were waiting for God to free Jerusalem. Anna could see beyond the immediate and was prophesying about the future.

Explore – Express

Describe/draw your impression of an angel. Talk about how you feel you might react if one came and spoke to you.

