

The Gift of Godly Examples (12/8/24)

Main Verses: Luke 2:22-24

Key Verse: Luke 2:22

'Takeaway': The earthly parents of Jesus were not perfect, but they were examples to all their children (& to us!) of loving devotion & humble obedience to God.

Getting Started: Why do you think it's important to follow the rules?



READ: Luke 2:22-24 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

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