

## Talk About It:

- What do you know about yourself as a baby? Ask a grown-up to tell you some stories.
  - If you could know one thing about what you will be like as a grown-up, what would you want to know?
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## Read About It:

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, his parents, Mary and Joseph, obeyed the rules of their Jewish faith and took Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to present him to God. When they got to the temple, they met two very special people. Read the rest of this story from Luke 2:22-38\*:

A man named Simeon lived in Jerusalem. He was a good man who was devoted to God. He was waiting for the time when God would come to help Israel. The Holy Spirit was with him. The Holy Spirit told him that he would not die before he saw the Messiah from the Lord. The Spirit led Simeon to the Temple. So he was there when Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to do what the Jewish law said they must do. Simeon took the baby in his arms and thanked God:

“Now, Lord, you can let me, your servant, die in peace as you said. I have seen with my own eyes how you will save your people. Now all people can see your plan. He is a light to show your way to the other nations. And he will bring honor to your people Israel.”

Jesus’ father and mother were amazed at what Simeon said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, “Many Jews will fall and many will rise because of this boy. He will be a sign from God that some will not accept. 35 So the secret thoughts of many will be made known. And the things that happen will be painful for you—like a sword cutting through your heart.”

Anna, a prophetess, was there at the Temple. She was now 84 years old. Anna was always at the Temple; she never left. She worshiped God by fasting and praying day and night. Anna was there when Joseph and Mary came to the Temple. She praised God and talked about Jesus to all those who were waiting for God to free Jerusalem.

- How do you think Mary and Joseph felt when they heard what Simeon said about what their baby would grow up to do?

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## Sing About It:

Get up and moving with this fun song about how YOU were made for a purpose!

[Made For This](#) (Lifetree Kids, Maker Fun Factory VBS, Group Publishing)

## Think About It:

- Simeon told Mary that her baby would grow up to do some amazing things, but that not everyone would like Jesus, and this would hurt Mary very much. How do you think Mary felt hearing those hard things?
  - Jesus was born for a purpose. Baby Jesus would grow up to be a wonderful teacher, healer, and friend, and he would die on the cross for our sins, then be raised from the dead to live forever. That's a pretty amazing purpose!
    - How can you trust that God has a good plan and purpose for your life?
    - What are some amazing things about you that make you a special person for God to use to do great things?
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## Make It:

Supplies: Snowflake craft (at the end of this lesson), scissors, ink pad or markers, ribbon, hole punch

Jesus was born for a purpose, and so were you! But we were each made to do something different. Just like each snowflake is unique, and no two are alike, YOU are unique, and there is no one else exactly like you. In fact, no one else on the whole earth has the same fingerprints as you!

Make the Snowflake Fingerprint craft as a reminder that you are very special and were made for a purpose.

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## Do It:

Jesus was born for a very special purpose, and so were you and every person God has made. Try out these ways to let others know how special they are:

- Write a poem or make a painting to show someone how special they are
  - Use an inkpad or marker to press your fingerprint onto a piece of paper. Ask your siblings or grown-ups to add theirs to the paper too, then look for the differences.
  - Think about someone special in your life. Make a list of things they are good at doing, or things that make them special, then share it with them.
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## Pray About It:

Thank God for making you for a purpose, and for making you, you!

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## Memorize It:

I praise you because you made me in such a wonderful way. Psalm 139:14.

## Snowflake Fingerprint Craft

1. Cut out the rounded outer shape.
2. On the back, write, "I praise you because you made me in such a wonderful way." Psalm 139:14.
2. Use an inkpad or maker to color your thumbprint or fingerprint, then press your fingerprint onto the spaces around the snowflake. You may need to add more ink each time.
3. Add gems or other decorations, if you'd like.
4. Punch a hole at the top, add a ribbon, and hang up your reminder!

