

Elementary Lesson Outline

Lesson:	Unlocking Truth		
Lesson Life Point:	<i>In this lesson the children will learn five keys to have the courage, humility and strength to place God's kingdom above man's kingdom.</i>		
Memory Verse:	1 Thessalonians 5:15	Scripture Study:	Luke 2:21-39
	See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.		
The Way: (5 to 10 minutes)	The point of this activity is to present the salvation message in brief at each lesson.	Visual Aid: Large tri-fold board with pictures of the Gospel message - follow the pictures on the board to tell the children about God's plan to restore our relationship with Him. Invite children who are familiar with the pictures to describe the images to the class. Always have someone ready in the classroom to pray with a child who desires to accept Jesus as his Savior or to be available to pray for any needs a child may have.	
Reeling them in: (5 to 10 minutes)	<p>Visual Aid: A set of keys. A lock. The key to the lock. A timer. Three small prizes.</p> <p><u>Before the class begins:</u> Place the key to the lock in your shirt or pants pocket.</p> <p>Set the lock on a table in front of the children. Place the timer and the set of keys next to the lock.</p> <p>Good Morning kids! We are going to play a game this morning. The game will reveal clues to the lesson for today. I will need three volunteers. (Chose the volunteers and have them stand in front of the class.)</p> <p>Each of you will have 10 seconds to try to open this lock. The one who opens it will receive a prize. Only one key can open it. Let us start with volunteer #1. Ready, set, go! (have each child try to open the lock).</p> <p>Oh! I am so sorry no one could open it. But I can assure you IT CAN be opened. Here let me try. (In front of the kids, take the key from your pocket and open the lock.) What?! I never said the key was on the table. Here, each child gets a prize. Thank you for not getting upset with me.</p> <p>So this was just a game. But we did learn something about our lesson for today. It has to do with keys and not just any keys, they have to be the right key.</p>		

Visual Aid: Five large cardboard key shapes. (see appendix A)

This month we have learned from Daniel about reputation, courage and humility. But how did Daniel become the man of God that he was? How was Daniel able to place God's Kingdom above man's kingdom, regardless of the cost?

Our GOD is our savior, our provider, our peace, our healer, our Father, our friend. For anyone who is called a Christian, Jesus Christ is our everything. In the activity we did this morning, we found out that a key can open up a lock. But not just any key. It has to be the right key.

This morning the word for today comes from **Luke 2:21-39**. In this word we learn about two people beloved by God. They were so loved by God, that he allowed them to live until they had seen the arrival of the Savior for God's people, Jesus.

We can learn much from Anna and Simeon. But there are five things we will be focusing on this morning. Five keys. These five keys are essential for a Christian. Essential means very important.

If I have 1000 keys that could open a lock, but none of them is the **right key** to open it, does it matter that I have 1000 keys? No! it does not matter. For you to be like Daniel and place God above the world, regardless of the cost, you have to have the right set of keys.

The first key is the Holy Spirit (show key): Having this key means that you know GOD. Because He is the Holy Spirit and He is living inside of you. Just like Simeon knew GOD and the Holy Spirit led him.

The second key is Patience (show key): This is the key to unlock the storehouse of God's promises. Anna had patience and because of it she held on to God's promises and was able to see His promise of the Savior come to pass.

The third key is Worship (show key): Simeon and Anna both used this key. Worship exalts GOD, unlocks divine favor, defeats the plans of satan, and locks the enemy away from your territory.

The fourth key is God's Word (show key): With this key you can unlock the power of God. This key also opens the door to God's heart and His purpose.

The fifth key is unyielding prayer (show key): Anna used this key daily. This key is able to unlock blessings, restore and transform people and nations. Used with fasting, it has the power to unlock places in the heavens and the earth. It has the power to touch God's heart and know God as only His own Son and Spirit know Him.

**The WORD:
(20 to 30
minutes)**

**Memory Verse
Song Link:**

"Wrong for Wrong"

<https://youtu.be/rgOYArq1FY8?list=PLkoH5ly96dOUg5JCV7EFPjPOE8zKagCLk>

(Make an invitation for those children who can identify with today's message to join the teacher up front)

Closing Prayer:

Jesus, I acknowledge that my reputation has been polluted. I have tried to clean it on my own but it has only become worst. Lord you are my maker, you know all of me. In this new year, make me new too. Search me out and cleanse me. In your love and mercy forgive me. Give me a great desire to be more like you each day. In your name. Amen.