



Christmas: The Birth of Jesus

Key Verse: *"Today...a Savior has been born to you:
He is the Messiah, The Lord" Luke 2:11*



Week 5: December 27, 2020-January 2, 2021

Jesus, Messiah

Luke 2:22-40



Opening God's Word

- Read Luke 2:22-40 as a family.
- Questions for Discussion:

Mary and Joseph took Baby Jesus to the temple to thank God for Him and remind themselves that Jesus belongs to God. We do this too when we baptize or dedicate our children in church. What was the customary offering given when a first born son was born? (vs. 24) (Parents if your child was baptized or dedicated this is a good time to share picture and/or stories about that special day when you set them apart for God.)

Who was Simeon waiting for? (vs 25-26)

God's people were waiting for the Messiah for hundreds of years. What made Simeon different? (vs. 25-27)

What did Simeon do when he saw Baby Jesus? (vs. 28-32 & 34-35)

What do Mary and Joseph do? (vs. 33)

What does Simeon say about Jesus? (vs. 28-32 & 34-35)

Who else was at the temple? (vs. 36-37)

What did Anna do when she saw Jesus?

Where did Mary and Joseph go after they left the temple? (vs. 39)

What does Luke tell us about Jesus's childhood? (vs. 40)



Prayer

Take some time to pray as a family. Thank God for sending the Messiah to save us from our sins. Pray that we would be like Simeon and Anna open to the leading of the Spirit and ready to see God at work. Continue praying however you feel led.



Family Challenge

Be on the lookout for God at work this week. Keep a list as a family of all the evidence you see of God working and of his goodness. Sometimes we get busy and we can miss it.



Week 5 Extra Activities



Play Nativity Memory as a family! Go here for a game board:

<https://meaningfulexplorations.com/free-printable-memory-game-for-kids/>



Sing along with Bethel Kids, *O Come All Ye Faithful*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_n2eUUn9oY



Make 3-D Nativity Ornaments. Go here for instructions:

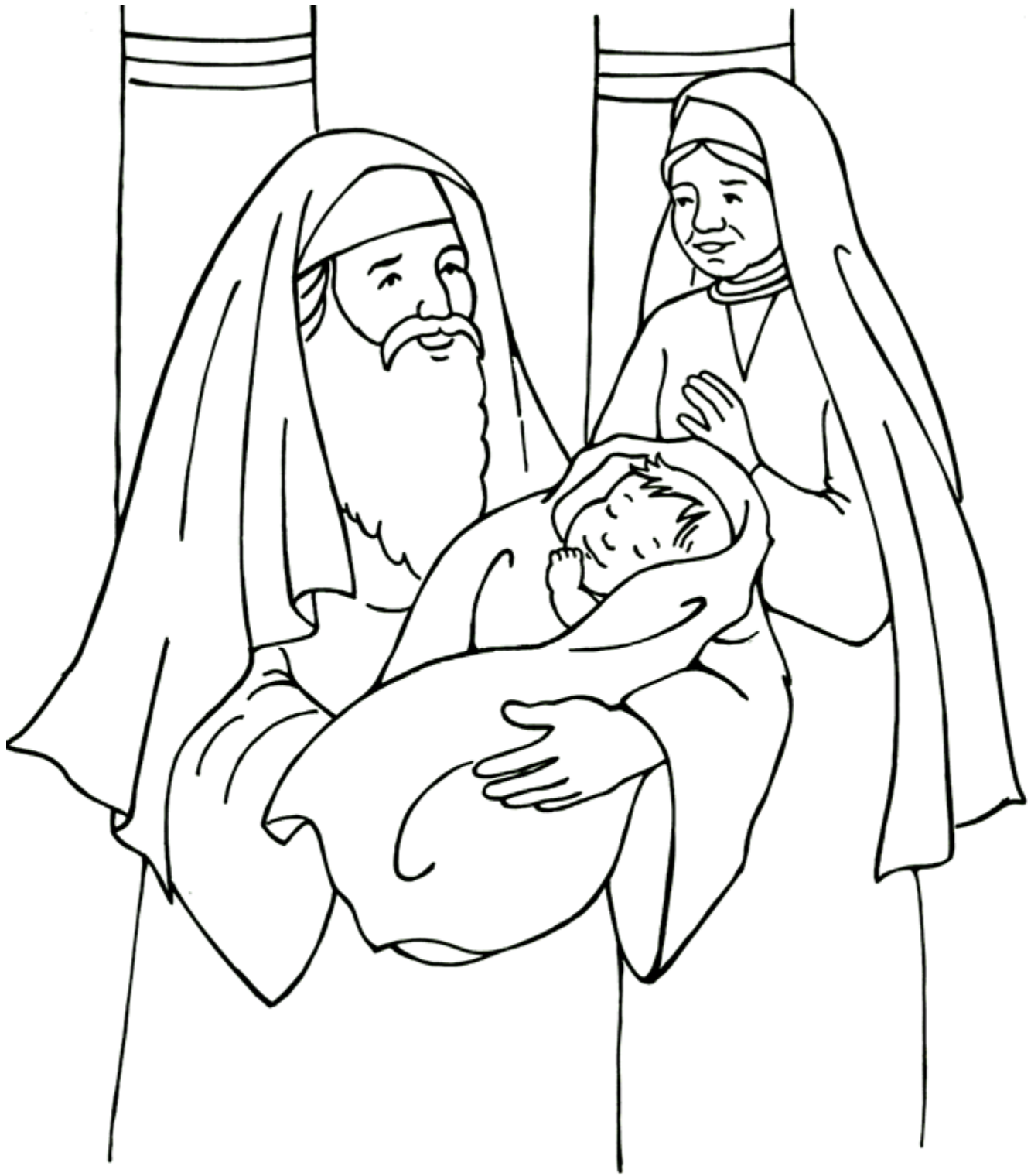
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Memorize this month's Key Verse: *"Today...a Savior has been born to you: He is the Messiah, The Lord" Luke 2:11*



You can also complete the coloring page, jumble, crossword puzzle and word search that are attached.



Simeon and Anna Thank God
Luke 2

Simeon Recognizes Jesus

Jumble



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God is faithful to keep his _____.

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Bible Memory Verse

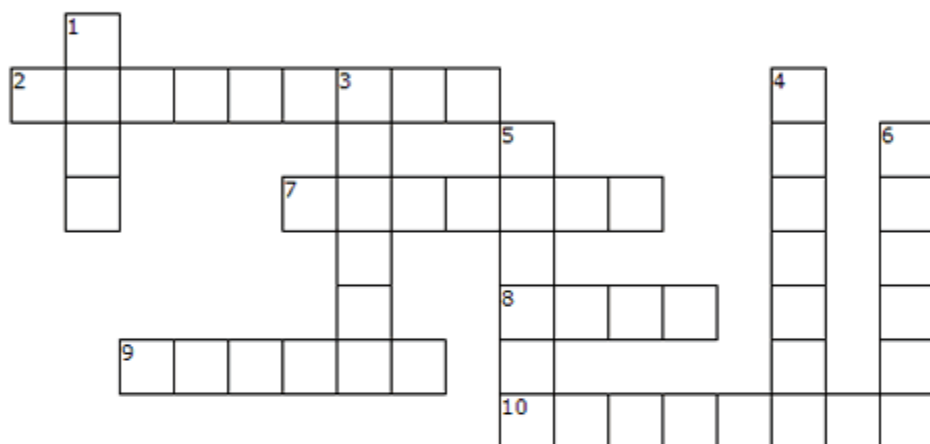
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Luke 2:26 (NIV)

Simeon Recognizes Jesus

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Based on Luke 2:22-40 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. Deliverance from the penalty of sin
7. Something you said that you would do
8. The organs for seeing in the faces of humans and animals
9. A building dedicated to religious ceremonies or worship
10. The town where Mary, Joseph, and Jesus lived

DOWN

1. The mother of Jesus
3. The homeland of the Jewish people
4. A person who is not Jewish
5. The man who was promised he would not die until he had seen the Messiah
6. The earthly father of Jesus

TEMPLE	SALVATION	MARY	NAZARETH	ISRAEL
SIMEON	JOSEPH	GENTILE	PROMISE	EYES

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 J M I A A P E H L O E O O M K
 B R P W L H Z V V I I V V C K
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SPIRIT	RIGHTEOUS	PRAISED	COURTS	TEMPLE
CHILD	DEVOUT	LIGHT	JOSEPH	JESUS
PARENTS	SALVATION	ISRAEL	REVEALED	PIGEONS
SIMEON	PROMISED	DOVES	SACRIFICE	MARY