

Pre-Lesson Downloads -

#18 -Simeon and Anna - Get to see God's Salvation

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Dear Families: We have celebrated the Birth of our Salvation. Now we will look at the life and teachings of Christ to help us develop a healthy relationship with Jesus. Some of us have been hurt by God's people and feel judged and marginalized. My prayer is that we can help your children, and maybe you, to see Christ's love and deep care for each and everyone of us and learn to pass that on to other people. Jesus tells us in John 13:34-35: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." God Bless!

Bible Text: Luke 2: 21-38

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every first born male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout; looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's messiah. Guided by the Spirit Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child, Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God saying, "Master, now You are dismissing Your servant in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel. And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to His mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

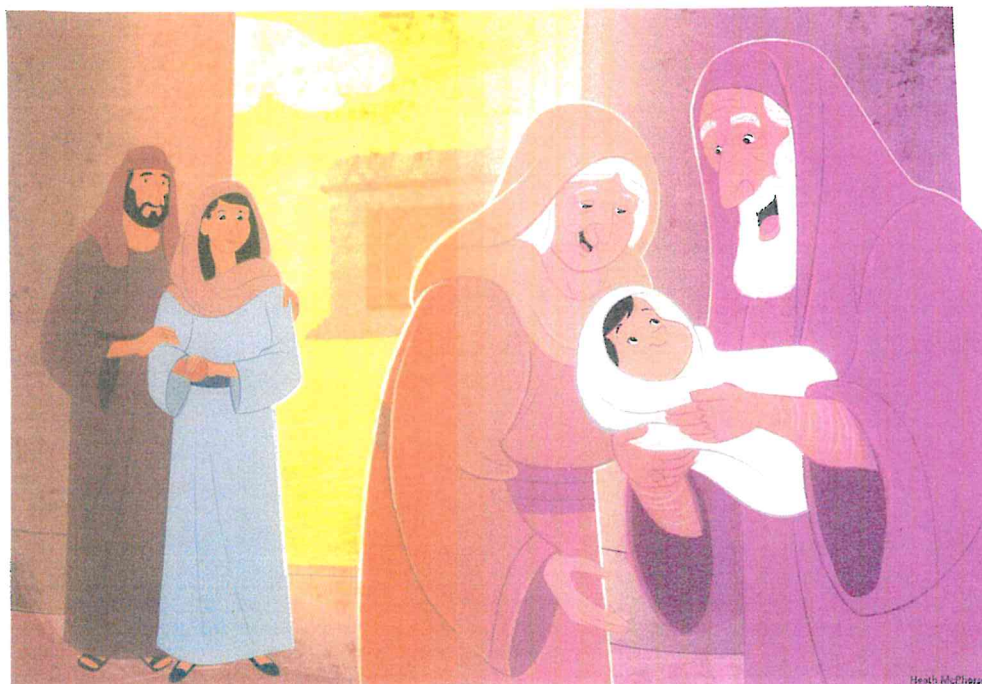
Bible Verse: *"For my eyes have seen your salvation." Luke 2:30*

Materials: *Simeon and Anna Match Game 2 pages – Cut out two sets of the pictures, tape or glue each picture to pieces of construction papers that are the same color and size because the pictures might be visible through the white paper. Then follow the instructions written above the pictures.

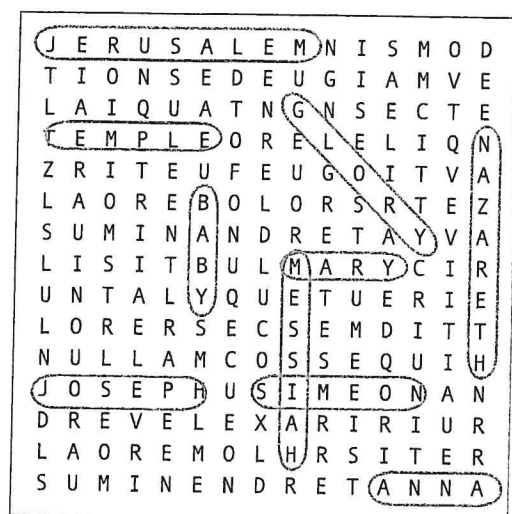
*1 coloring page *1 Word Search page *1 Secret Code page *Picture idea for verse

2nd Game Idea: Children could draw and color pictures of characters, (Mary holding Baby Jesus, Joseph, Simeon and Anna) and the front of a temple. Have them cut out the character pictures and move them around the front of the Temple picture while they retell the story.

Picture Idea for Verse:



Answers to Puzzles:



A	N	N	A		
1	14	14	1		
J	O	S	E	P	H
10	15	19	5	16	8
S	I	M	E	O	N
19	9	13	5	15	14
B	A	B	Y		
2	1	2	25		
T	E	M	P	L	E
20	5	13	16	12	5
M	A	R	Y		
13	1	18	25		

What did Simeon and Anna know?

<u>J</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>U</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
10	5	19	21	19	9	19	20	8	5
<u>S</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>D</u>	.	
19	15	14	15	6	7	15	4		

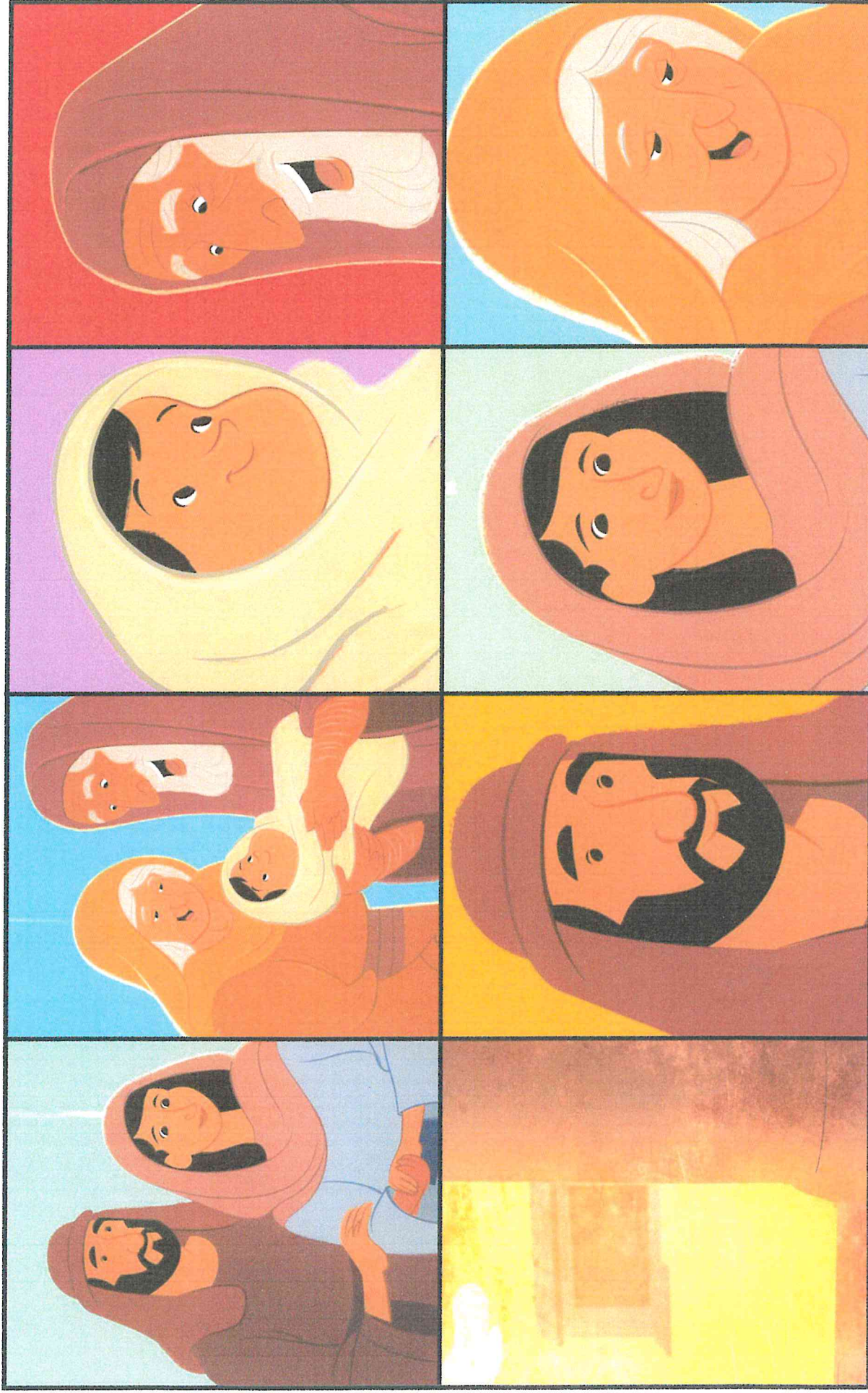
Simeon and Anna Match Game

Print two sets of the cards. Cut out the cards along the black lines. Mix up the cards and lay them out face down in rows. Turn over any two cards at a time. If the pictures match, remove them from the table. This counts as one set. If you make a match, you may take another turn. If they do not match, turn them back over and let the next person try. The person with the most sets wins!



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Simeon and Anna Thank God
Luke 2

Simeon and Anna Saw Jesus

Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.

J	E	R	U	S	A	L	E	M	N	I	S	M	O	D
T	I	O	N	S	E	D	E	U	G	I	A	M	V	E
L	A	I	Q	U	A	T	N	G	N	S	E	C	T	E
T	E	M	P	L	E	O	R	E	L	E	L	I	Q	N
Z	R	I	T	E	U	F	E	U	G	O	I	T	V	A
L	A	O	R	E	B	O	L	O	R	S	R	T	E	Z
S	U	M	I	N	A	N	D	R	E	T	A	Y	V	A
L	I	S	I	T	B	U	L	M	A	R	Y	C	I	R
U	N	T	A	L	Y	Q	U	E	T	U	E	R	I	E
L	O	R	E	R	S	E	C	S	E	M	D	I	T	T
N	U	L	L	A	M	C	O	S	S	E	Q	U	I	H
J	O	S	E	P	H	U	S	I	M	E	O	N	A	N
D	R	E	V	E	L	E	X	A	R	I	R	I	U	R
L	A	O	R	E	M	O	L	H	R	S	I	T	E	R
S	U	M	I	N	E	N	D	R	E	T	A	N	N	A

ANNA
BABY

GLORY
JERUSALEM

JOSEPH
MESSIAH

MARY
NAZARETH

SIMEON
TEMPLE

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Secret Code

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

Code key

A 1	H 8	O 15	V 22
B 2	I 9	P 16	W 23
C 3	J 10	Q 17	X 24
D 4	K 11	R 18	Y 25
E 5	L 12	S 19	Z 26
F 6	M 13	T 20	
G 7	N 14	U 21	

1 14 14 1

10 15 19 5 16 8

19 9 13 5 15 14

2 1 2 25

20 5 13 16 12 5

13 1 18 25

What did Simeon and Anna know?

10 5 19 21 19 9 19 20 8 5

19 15 14 15 6 7 15 4 .