

Luke 2:22-34

Simeon Meets the Savior

Joseph and Mary took Jesus up to Jerusalem to offer Him to God as commanded in God's Law: "Every male who opens the womb shall be a holy offering to God," and also to sacrifice the "pair of doves or two young pigeons" prescribed in God's Law. In Jerusalem at the time, there was a man, Simeon by name, a good man, a man who lived in the prayerful expectancy of help for Israel. And the Holy Spirit was on him. The Holy Spirit had shown him that he would see the Messiah of God before he died. Led by the Spirit, he entered the Temple. As the parents of the child Jesus brought Him in to carry out the rituals of the Law, Simeon took Him into his arms and blessed God:

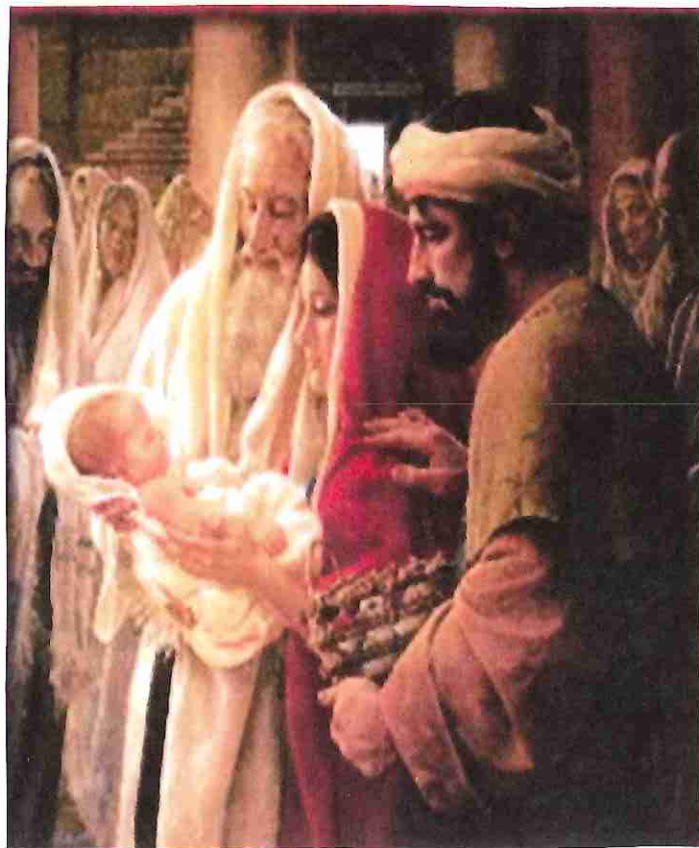
"God, you can now release your servant; release me in peace as you promised. With my own eyes I've seen Your salvation; it's now out in the open for everyone to see: A God-revealing light to the non-Jewish nations, and of glory for your people Israel." Jesus' father and mother were speechless with surprise at these words. Simeon went on to bless them, and said to Mary his mother, "This child marks both the failure and the recovery of many in Israel, a figure misunderstood and contradicted, the pain of a sword-thrust through you. But the rejection will force honesty, as God reveals who they really are."

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What did Simeon see when he looked at the baby in Mary's arms? Did he say: This is just an **ordinary baby boy**? God's promise was filled. No – Simeon said he was now ready to die. What had he seen? In his song he says: My eyes have seen God's salvation – **EXTRAORDINARY!**

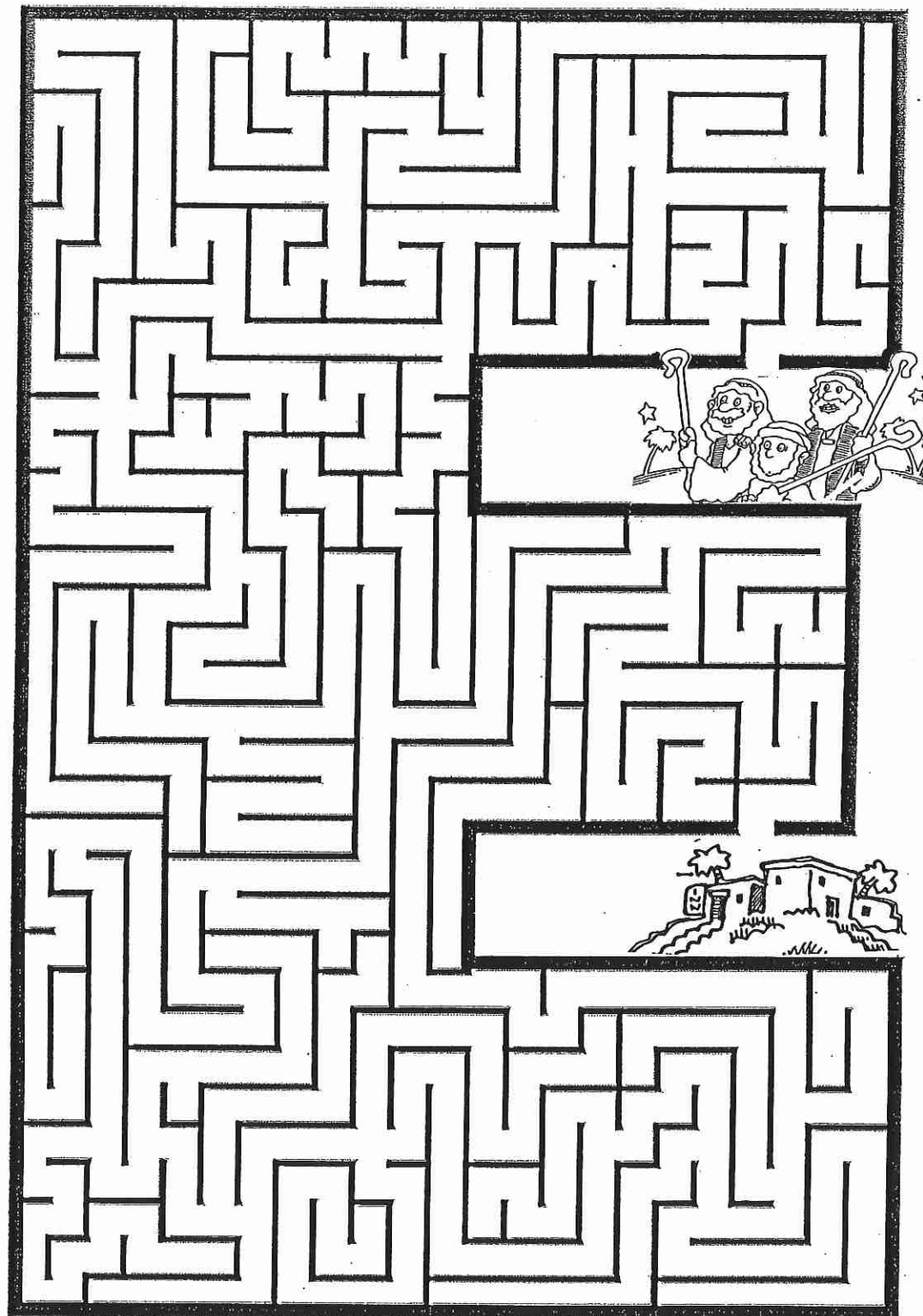
The Holy Spirit opened his eyes and the eyes of his heart and Simeon saw the Savior of the world.

And here is the amazing thing: the Lord will be thrilled when He sees us. Why? Because we will be decorated. We will be dazzling - In the white robe of Jesus' righteousness that He paid for with His own blood. We are Jesus' Christmas present to His Father. That is **EXTRAORDINARY!**



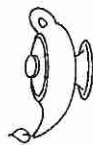
THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Help the shepherds get to Bethlehem



Simeon held Jesus and called Him the
Salvation from God.

Find and count the hidden objects.



4 or 5 ?



6 or 7 ?



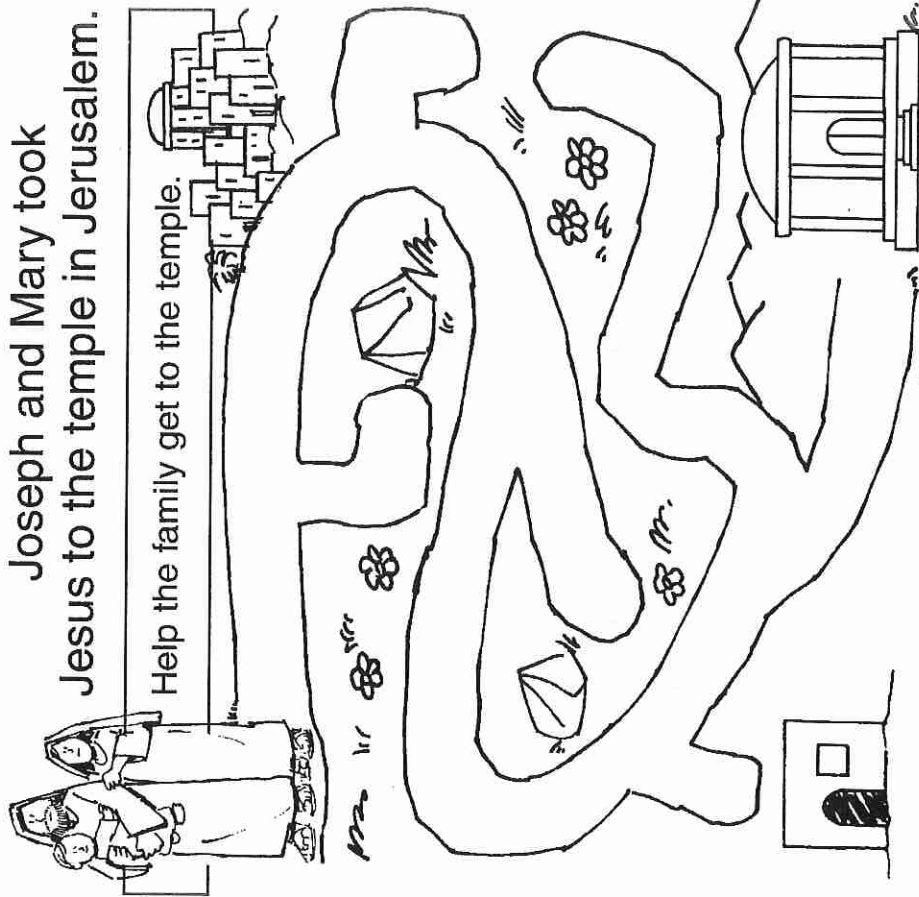
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12-27-20 Younger children sheets

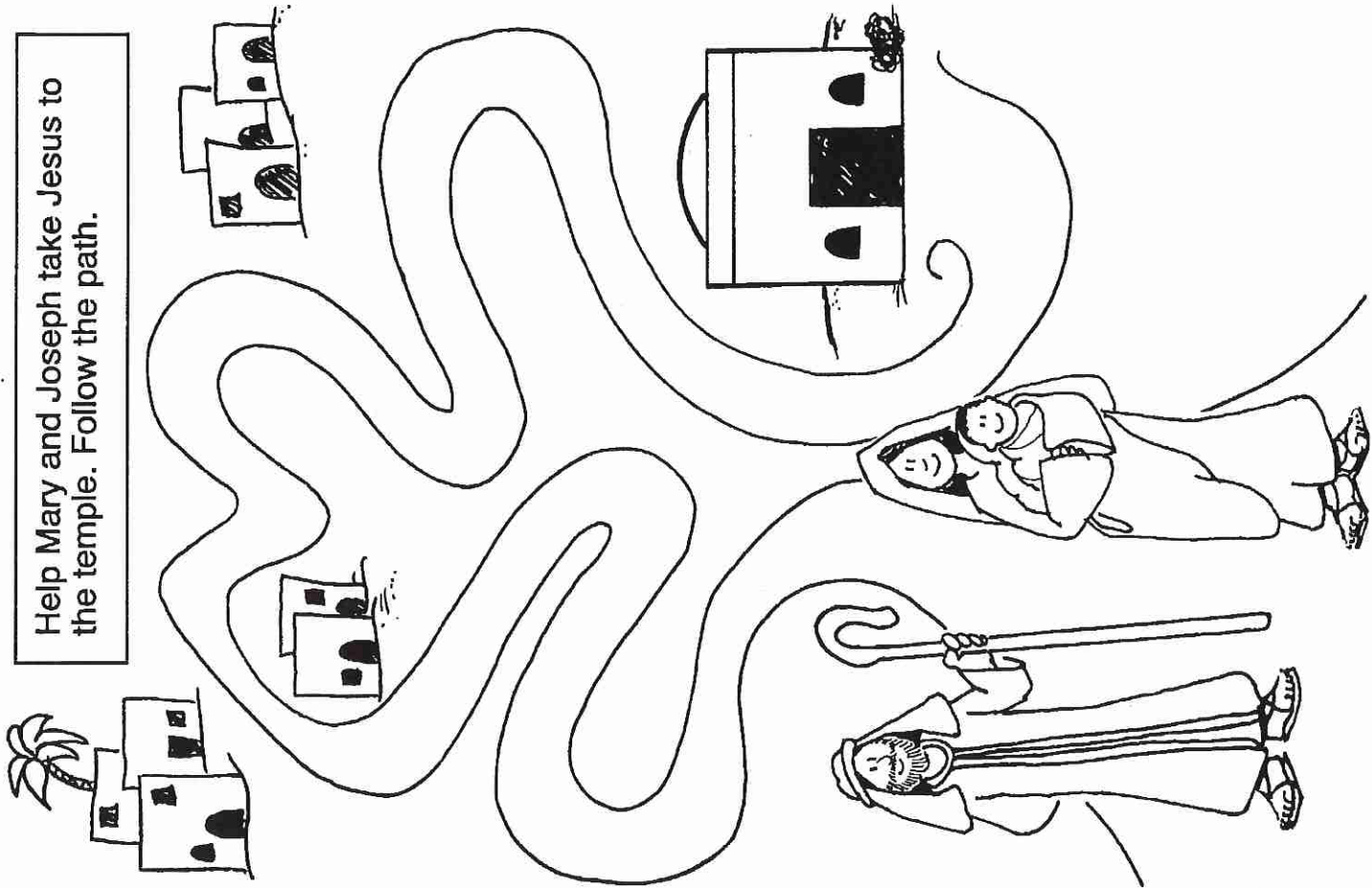
Jesus Presented in the Temple

Joseph and Mary took
Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem.

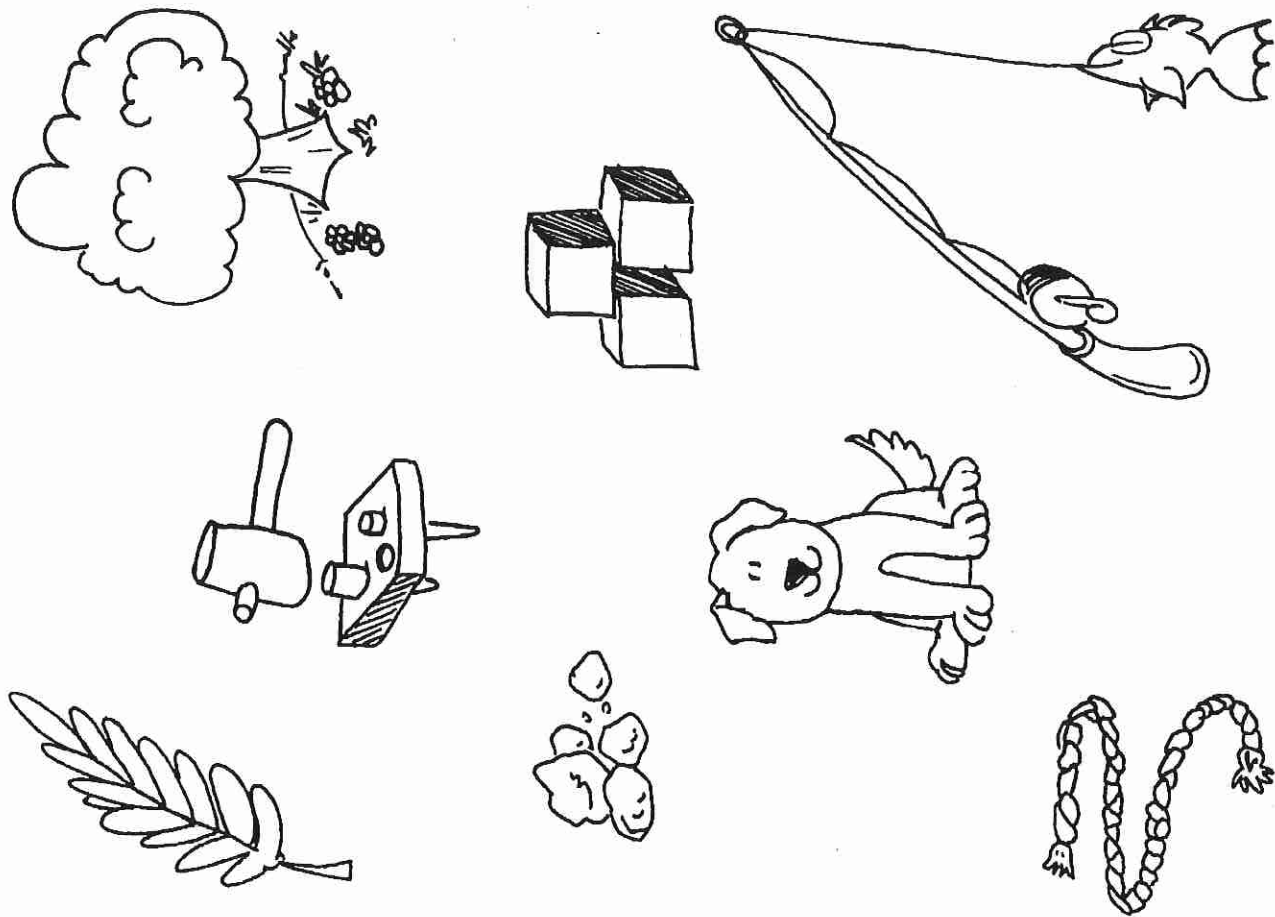
Help the family get to the temple.



Help Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the temple. Follow the path.



Draw a circle around the things that Jesus may have played with.





"Lord, You are letting Your servant depart in peace for my eyes have seen Your salvation." These words are in Simeon's song when Mary and Joseph bring Baby Jesus into the Temple. Luke 2

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Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

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Several days after Jesus was born ...

Add and subtract words or letters to make words.

Then fill in the numbered blanks.

1. J + ? - A +  - B +  - TB +

 - ASK = _____

2.  - EA +  - NT + 10 - T +
 - NE = _____

3.  - W +  - ON +  - KTE +  - ISH +

 - M = _____



Joseph and Mary took Jesus to

(1) _____ to (2) _____

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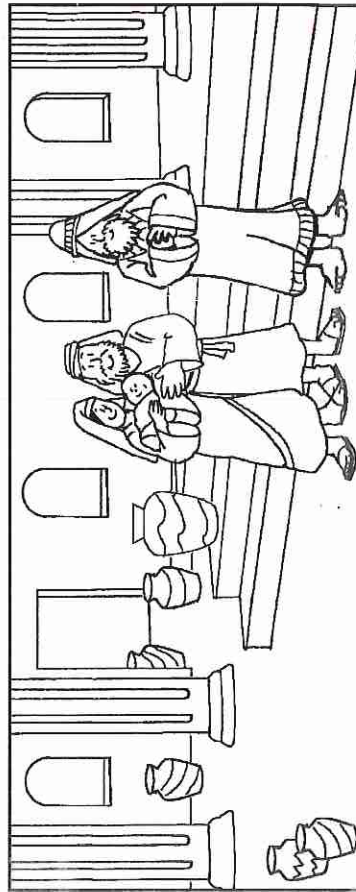
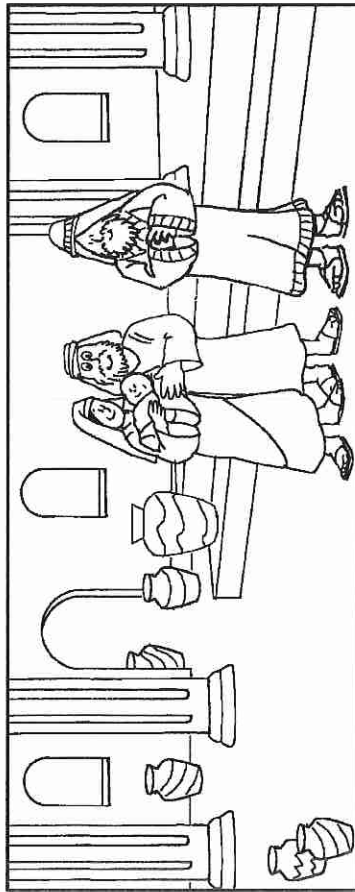
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behalf of Jesus and His mother.

Jesus Presented in the Temple

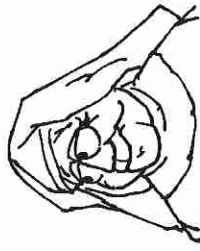
According to the Law of the Lord,
Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple
in Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord.

Find 12 differences in the 2nd picture.



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

When she saw Jesus, she gave
thanks to God and spoke about the
child to all who were looking forward
to the redemption of Jerusalem.








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