

## Activities:

Ask children if there is something they want to do or someplace they really want to see during their lives. Some places people hope to see before they die are the Grand Canyon, the Amazon River and the Great Wall of China. Many people have a goal of getting to see or do something before they die. Imagine being Simeon and after seeing Jesus feeling like you could die happy.

Show children an image on the projector or screen that is out of focus. Ask them to guess what it is. Focus it a bit more and ask them to guess again. Keep doing this until they guess what it is. Explain this is how it felt for people as they learned more about the promised Messiah. In the Old Testament, the image people had was very fuzzy. When Jesus was born, it got a bit clearer. When He was presented at the temple, Simeon and Anna's prophecies made it a bit clearer. As He grew up and began His ministry, it became even clearer. But it wasn't until after Jesus died and rose again that things became really clear.

***UPPER***

***ELEMENTARY***

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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SIMEON  
ANNA  
MARY  
JOSEPH  
TEMPLE  
JESUS

HOLY SPIRIT  
PROPHET  
MESSIAH  
JERUSALEM  
ROME

# **Lower Elementary**

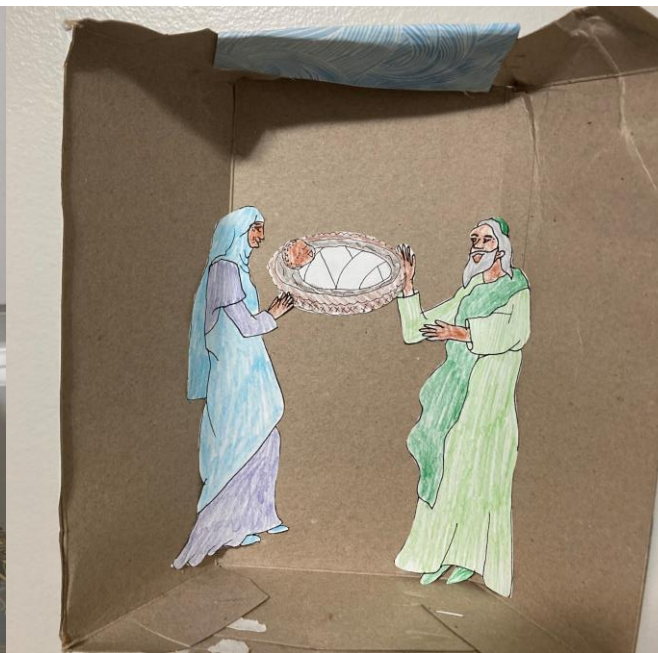
# Simeon & Anna

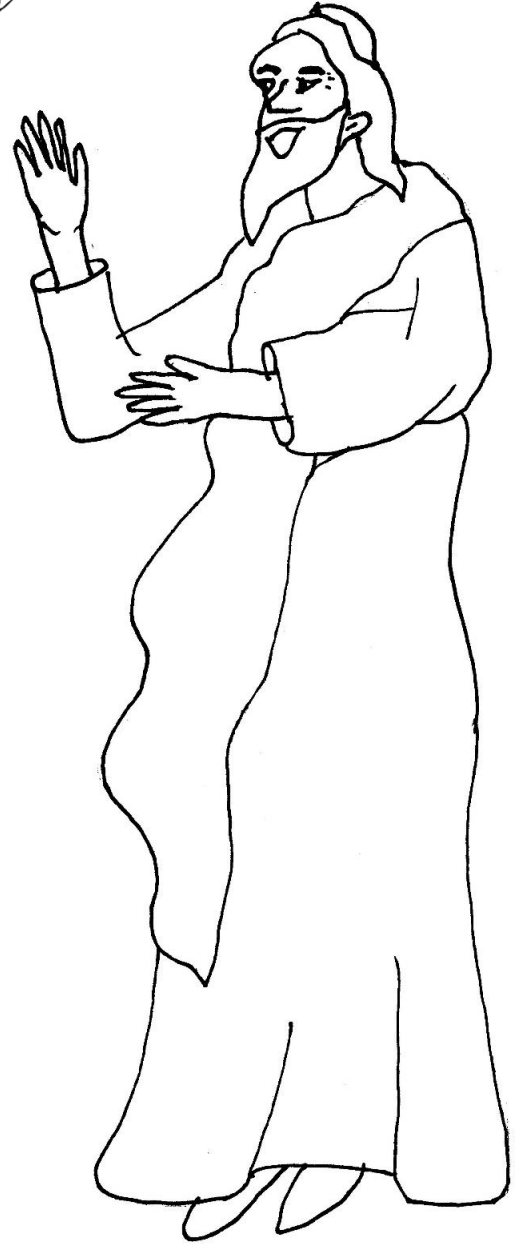
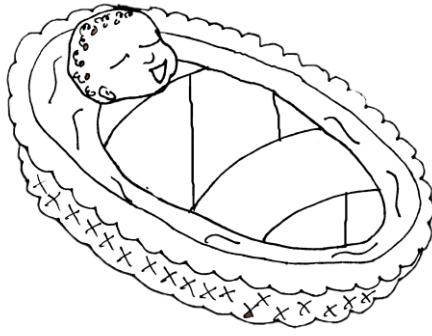
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The time came for Mary and Joseph to do what the Law of Moses says a mother is supposed to do after her baby is born. They took Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem and presented him to the Lord. ~ Luke 2:22

- ❖ Children color and cut out Simeon, Anna and baby Jesus
- ❖ Teacher cuts top off of tissue box, opens bottom and staples to make roof and floor of temple
- ❖ OR
- ❖ Teacher cuts out two sides of milk/juice carton to make temple
- ❖ Optional: children paint inside of carton
- ❖ Children glue Simeon and Anna in corners, holding baby Jesus





**Preschool**



## Coloring Page:

Encourage children to draw themselves as babies in the basket. Talk about how God has had a plan for them since before they were born. They have the opportunity to serve God with their lives.

## Modeling dough:

Encourage children to use cookie cutters to make Simeon and Anna. Roll a small piece of dough to be baby Jesus. Have them put Jesus in Simeon and Anna's arms.

## Game:

Hide a small toy baby in the room and have children look for Baby Jesus.

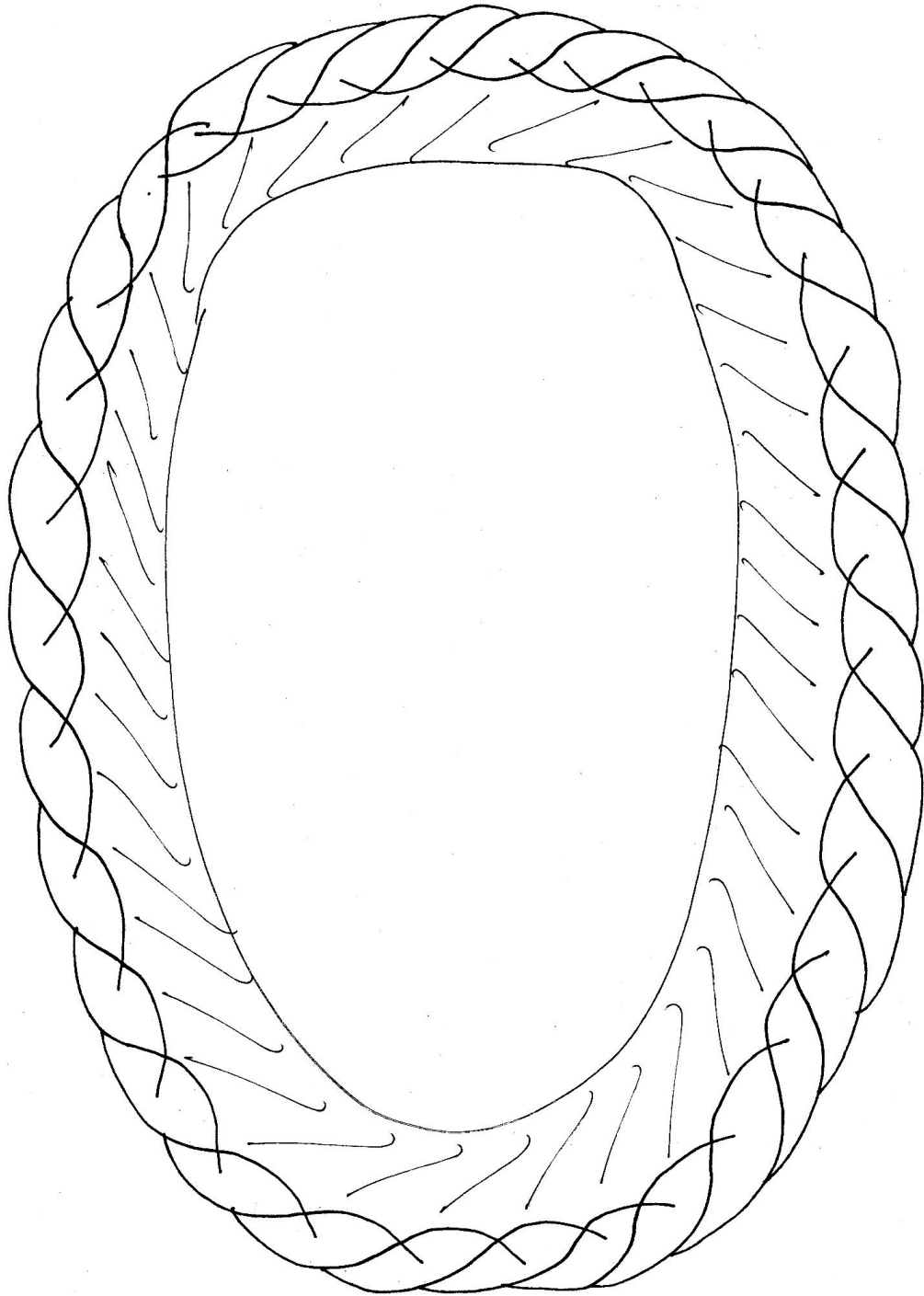
## Song:

To the tune of Rockabye, Baby:

Rockabye Jesus in up in heaven,  
You chose to come and save us from sin,  
Born as a baby, wiggly and cute,  
Then came down to earth, to be my rescue.

# Simeon & Anna

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



**God has a plan for my life.**