

JESUS' PARENTS TAKE HIM TO THE TEMPLE

(Jerusalem) — When Jesus was still a baby, Joseph and Mary took him to the big temple in Jerusalem to promise God the child would belong to him. All faithful Jewish parents did the same thing when their new children were still babies.

While they were in the temple with Jesus, Joseph and Mary discovered that some people who were already there knew that Jesus was God's special person. One of these people was an old man named Simeon. Simeon took the baby Jesus in his arms and said to Mary and Joseph, "I am so happy I finally got to see God's special child that now I can die in peace."

Another person who was waiting in the temple was a woman named Anna. When she saw the baby Jesus, she gave thanks to God.

Luke 2:25-40

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Gospel Grams



SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

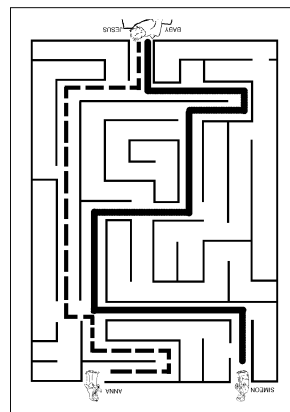


"I FINALLY GOT TO SEE GOD'S SPECIAL CHILD."

HIDDEN MESSAGE:

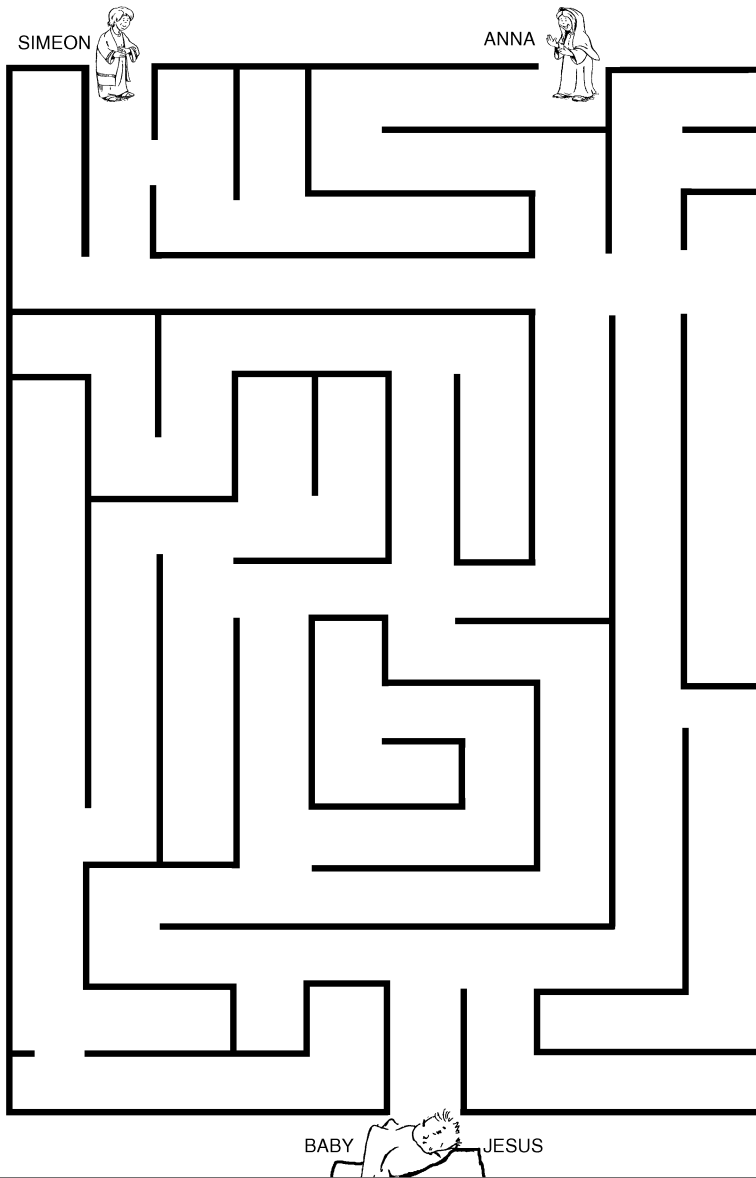
MATCHING GAME

PEACE	SPECIAL PROMISE
PARENTS	GIVE
GOD	HAPPY
WAITING	BABY
THANKS	MARY & JOSEPH
JESUS	SIMEON & ANNA



ANSWERS

Follow The Path. Today's Gospel story tells about two people who were in the temple when baby Jesus made his first visit there. They had been waiting years for God's special person to come to the temple and now they will see him if they can find their way to where baby Jesus is. Draw a line from Simeon and then Anna through the temple to baby Jesus.



Matching Game. On the left are some words or phrases from today's Gospel story. On the right are words that in some way match the words on the left. Draw a line between the words that you think match.

SIMEON & ANNA

JESUS

MARY & JOSEPH

THANKS

BABY

WAITING

HAPPY

GOD

GIVE

PARENTS

SPECIAL PROMISE

PEACE

Hidden Message. What did the old man Simeon say when he finally got to see the baby Jesus in the temple? Use the code below to find the answer. Fill in the numbered blanks with letters matching them.

CODE:

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