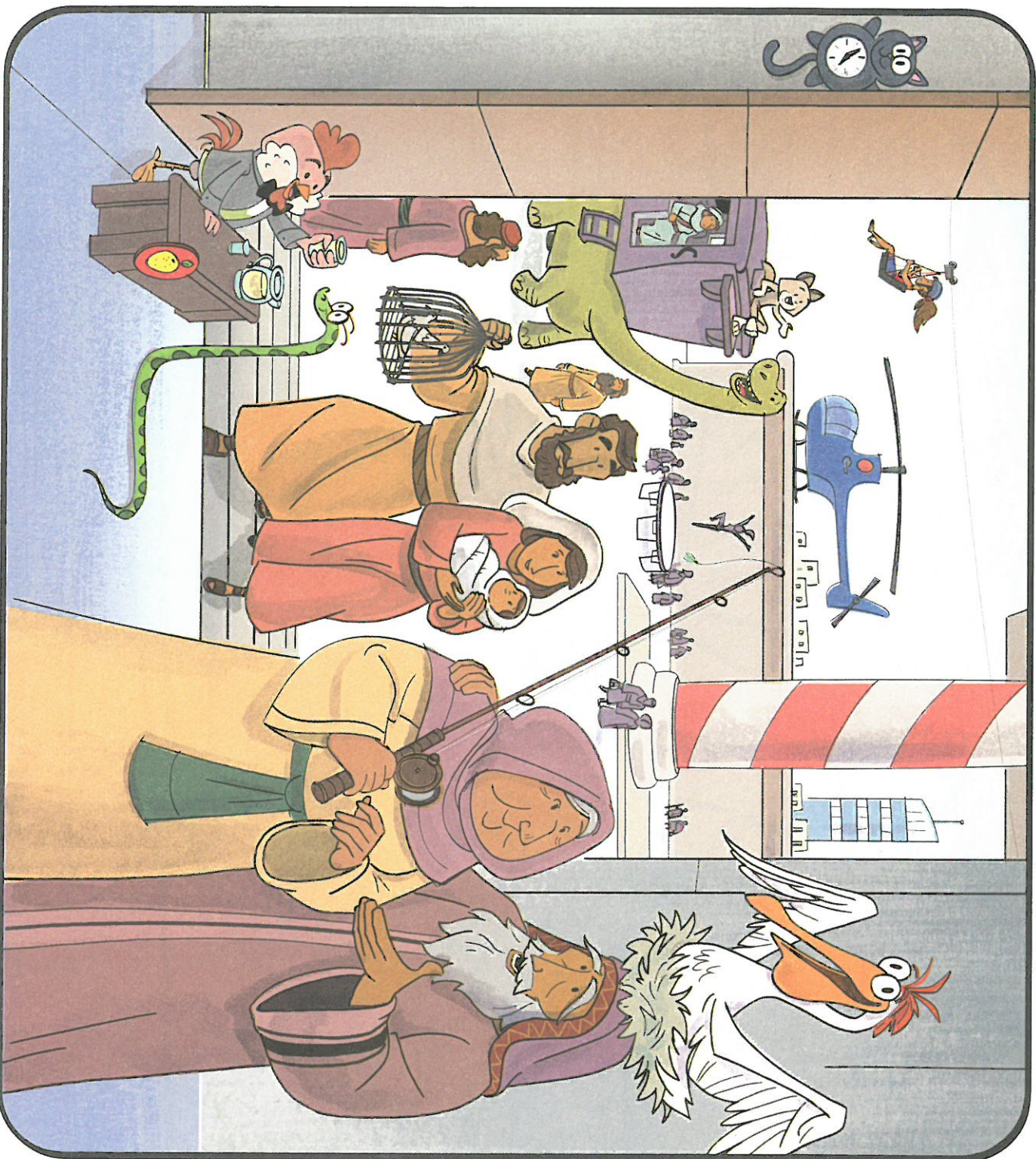


What Does Not Belong?

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the ten things that do not belong in the picture.



Preschool Activity Pages

Unit 19 • Session 4

Jesus Was Dedicated

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Mary and Joseph took Baby Jesus to the temple.
- Simeon thanked God for keeping His promise to Simeon to let him see the Messiah.
- Anna the prophetess told other people that the Savior had come.
- Simeon and Anna worshiped Jesus.

KEY PASSAGE: John 1:1

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Is Jesus God or a human? Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

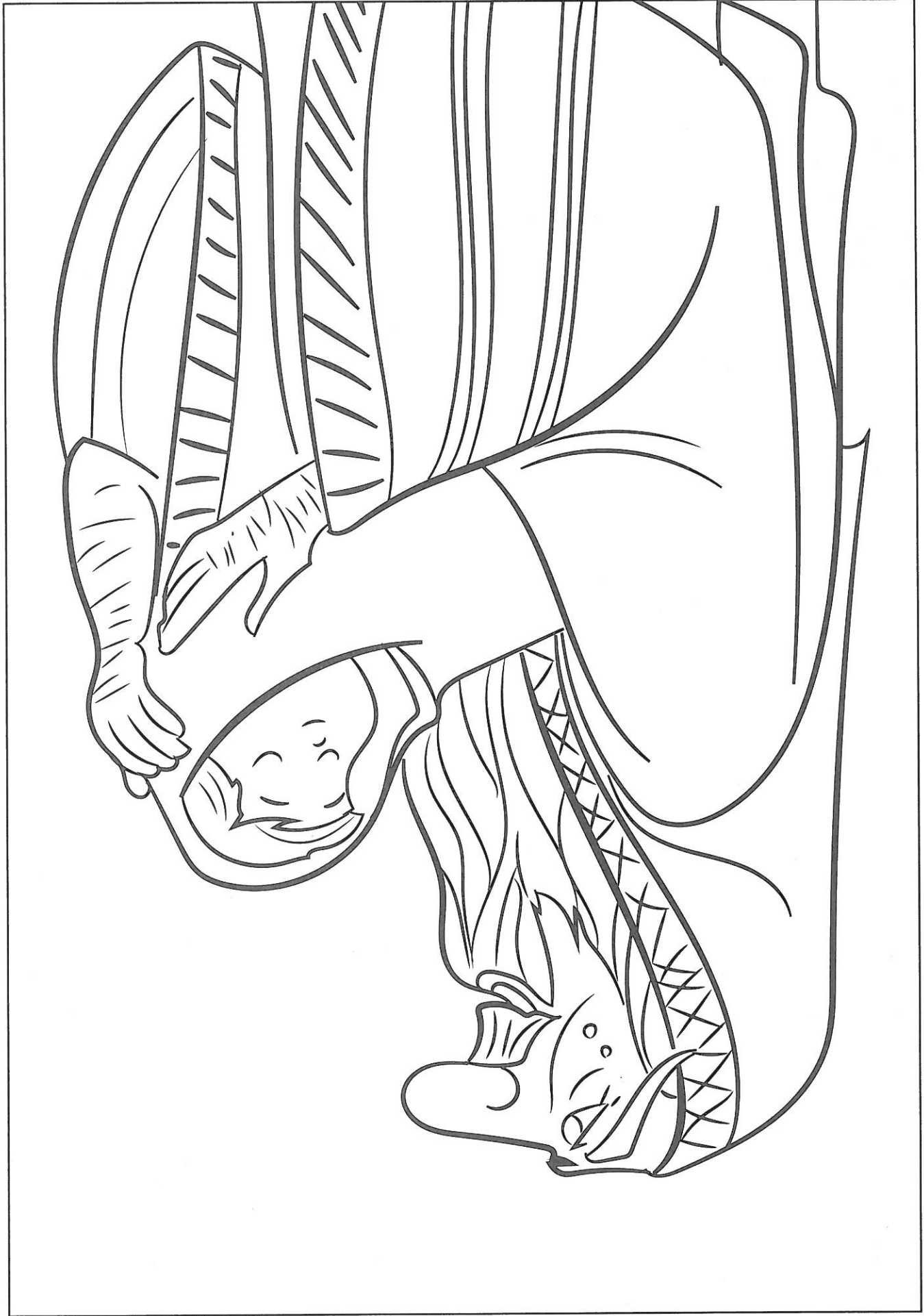
- How did God keep the promise He made to Simeon?
- Why do you think Simeon said being Jesus' mother would be good but hard for Mary?
- What did Simeon and Anna do that we get to do now?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- If any of your children were dedicated before your congregation, tell them about the experience. Show pictures and explain the purpose of the dedication. Talk about how Jesus' dedication was different because He is God's Son.

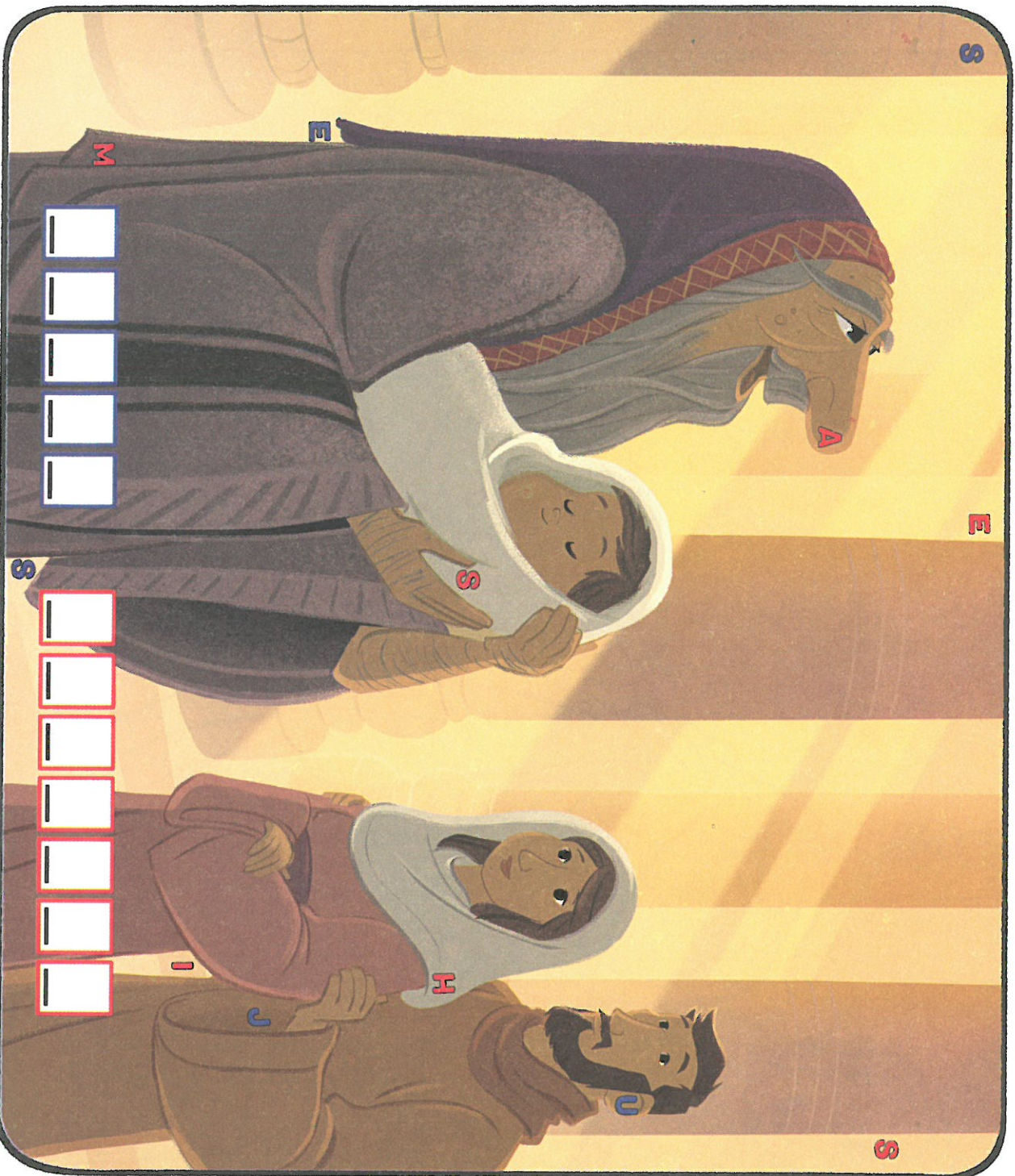


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Waiting for Whom?

INSTRUCTIONS: Find the color-coded, hidden letters and unscramble them to learn whom Simeon and Anna waited for.



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Unit 19 • Session 4
Jesus Was Dedicated

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple as a baby to obey God's law.
- Simeon and Anna waited a long time to meet the Messiah.
- Simeon and Anna worshiped Jesus as the Messiah.

KEY PASSAGE: John 1:1-2

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

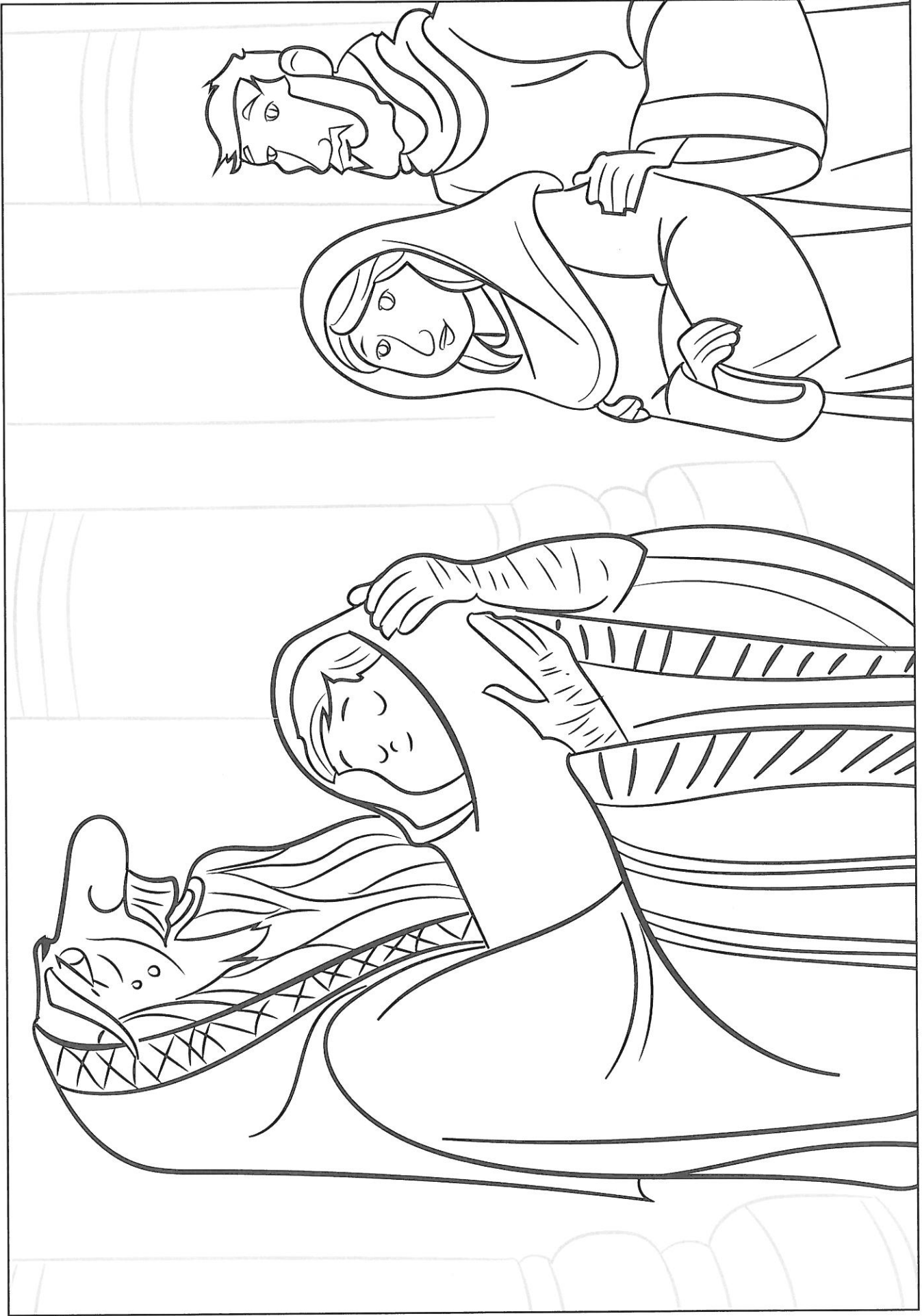
- How did Simeon know who Jesus is?
- What did Anna do after meeting Jesus?
- How can we worship Jesus as the Messiah?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Play a game with your kids to encourage and demonstrate patience. Offer them half a treat, explaining that they can have the full treat if they wait five minutes before eating the offered half. Discuss why waiting for Jesus would have been difficult but worth the wait.



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Jesus Was Dedicated

Luke 2

STORY POINT: SIMEON AND ANNA WORSHIPPED JESUS AS THE MESSIAH.

One day, when Jesus was a few weeks old, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem. At the temple, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus to the Lord and offered two birds as a sacrifice.

Another man was at the temple. His name was Simeon. God's Spirit was with Simeon, and God had told Simeon that he would not die until he saw the One who would rescue people from their sin.

Simeon saw Jesus and picked Him up in his arms. Simeon said that Jesus would save God's people, the Israelites, and Jesus would also save people from other nations.

A woman named Anna was at the temple too. Anna came up to Simeon, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and she began to thank God.

Anna talked about Jesus to people who were waiting for God to keep His promise to send a Savior. She told them the good news: the Savior was here!

Mary and Joseph finished dedicating Jesus and making sacrifices to God. Jesus grew up and was strong and healthy. He was wise, and God was happy with Him.



Christ Connection: Throughout the Old Testament,

God promised the arrival of a king who would redeem people.

When Jesus arrived, Simeon and Anna knew He was the promised Messiah. Today, we have faith that Jesus is God's Son. We can trust Jesus for our salvation, and like Simeon and Anna, we should share the good news.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How can we know for sure that Jesus is God's Son?
- Discuss your family's commitment to following and serving the Lord together.
- How should we spend our time waiting for Jesus' second coming?

Seeing for Yourself

Cross out these words to find Simeon's message:

- contains 5 vowels
- is a color
- is an even number
- begins and ends with the same letter
- is a book of the Bible

Eye green I river have
Numbers seen harsh the beautiful
yellow One Two who Four Job dad
information will ease save blue people
celebration from Acts their six sin.



Who Did What?

Match each person from the Bible story to the correct description. Find and read the Bible references to check your work.

Mary

• The Holy Spirit led him to the temple. (Luke 2:27-28)

Joseph

• He was dedicated to the Lord when He was a baby. (Luke 2:21-22)

Jesus

• She was told that being Jesus' mother would be difficult. (Luke 2:34-35)

Simeon

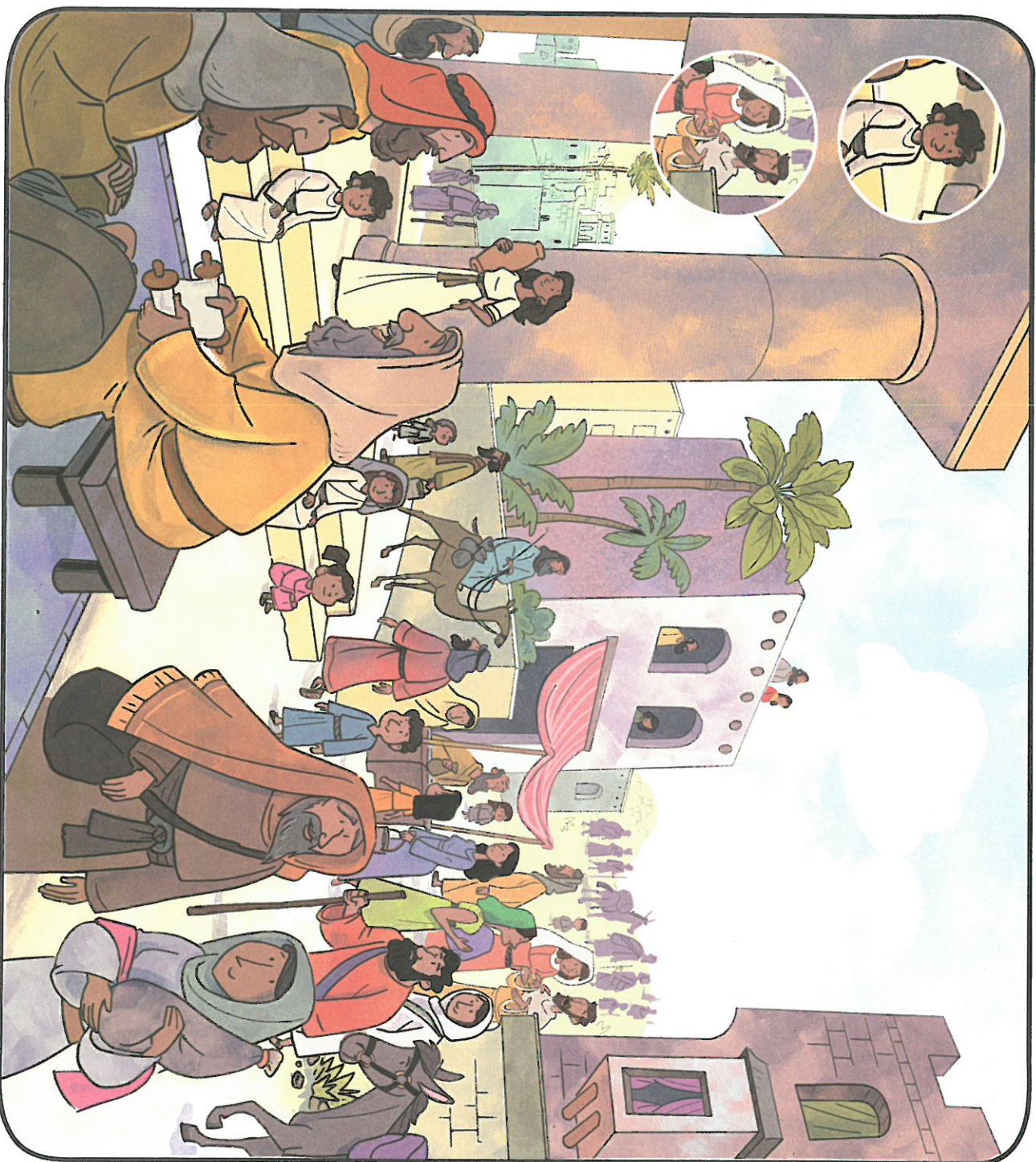
• She was a widow who told people about Jesus. (Luke 2:36-38)

Anna

• He and Mary were amazed at what Simeon said about Jesus. (Luke 2:16,33)

Where Is Jesus?

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the key to find and circle Jesus. Then find and circle Mary and Joseph.



Preschool Activity Pages

Unit 19 • Session 5

Jesus as a Child

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus traveled to Jerusalem with His parents when He was 12 years old.
- Jesus was not with Mary and Joseph when they started home.
- They went back and found Jesus in the temple with the teachers.
- Jesus came to earth to do His Father's plan.

KEY PASSAGE: John 1:1

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Is Jesus God or a human? Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

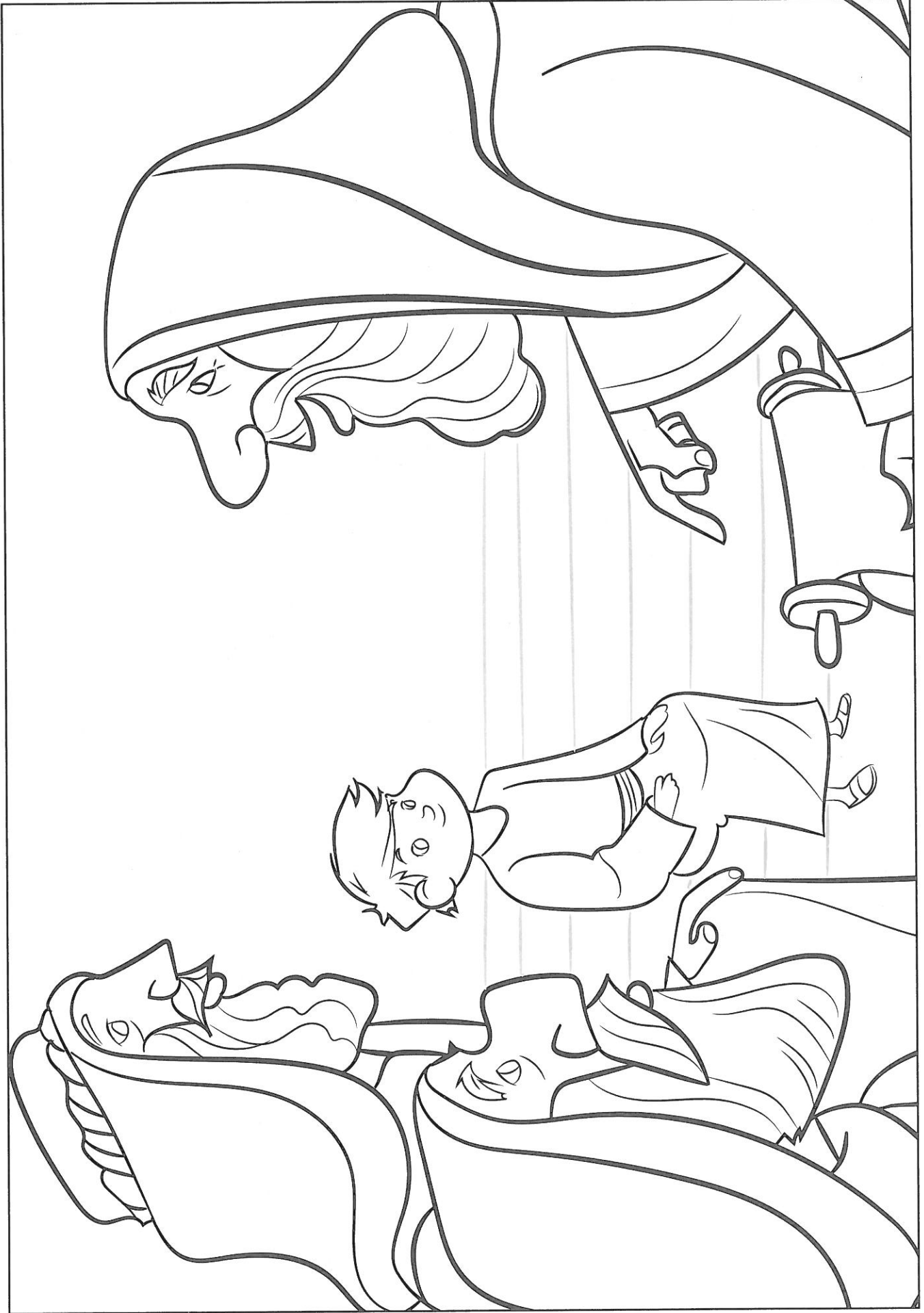
- How did Jesus surprise the people at the temple? How did Jesus understand so much?
- What did Jesus mean when He said He had to be in His Father's house?
- What was God's plan for Jesus?
- How is Jesus part of God's plan for us?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Invite others in your neighborhood to join your family on a walk. Talk about how Joseph and Mary walked home with a group so large they didn't notice Jesus was missing.



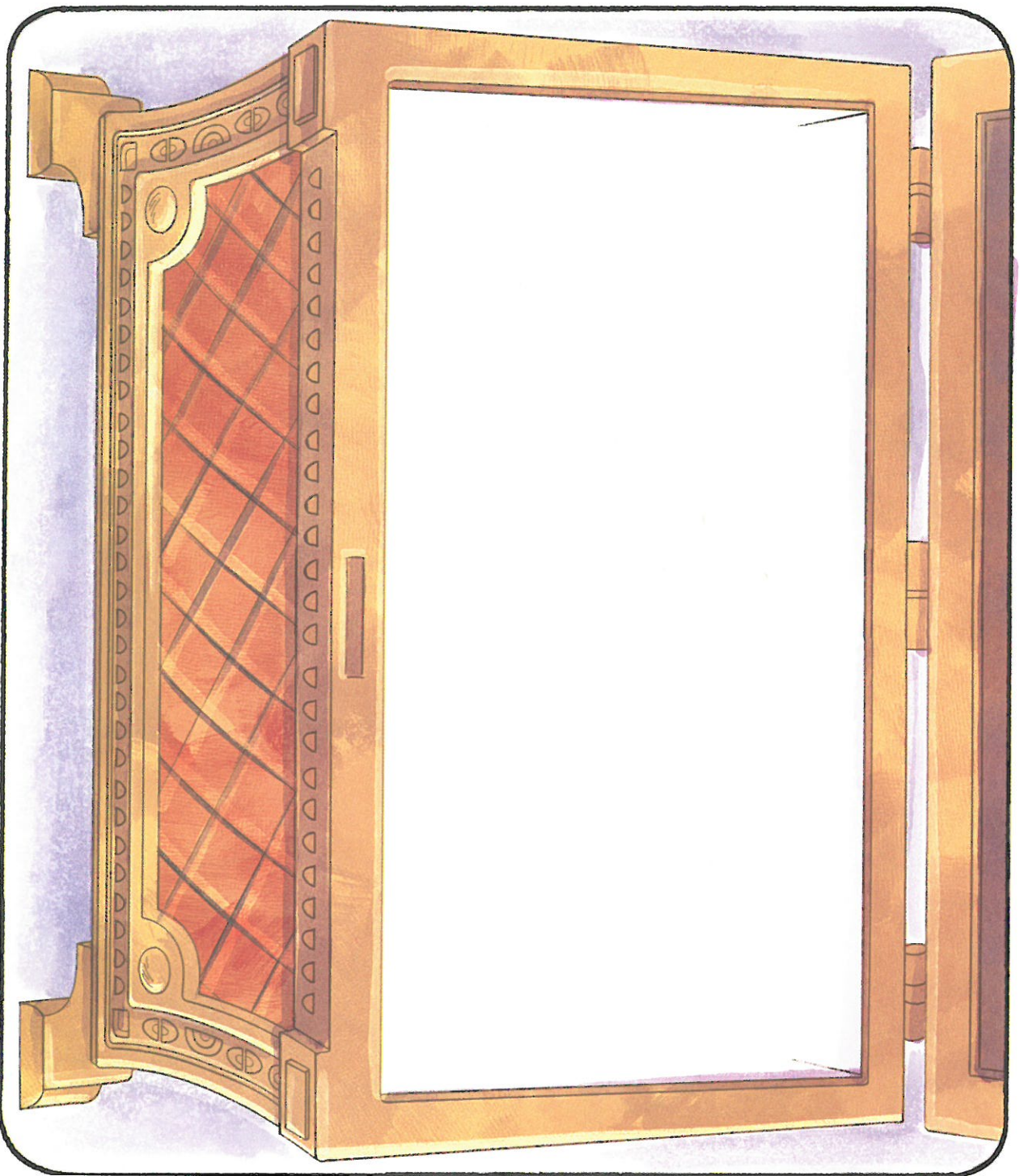
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STORY POINT: JESUS CAME TO EARTH TO DO HIS FATHER'S PLAN.

Giving Treasure

INSTRUCTIONS: Draw a picture of something you treasure.



Younger Kids Activity Pages

Unit 19 • Session 5

Jesus as a Child

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Wise men from the east visited Jesus and gave Him valuable gifts.
- Mary, Joseph, and Jesus traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover each year as Jesus grew up.
- One year, Mary and Joseph left Jerusalem without Jesus.
- Eventually, they found Jesus in the temple, talking about Scripture.
- Even as a child, Jesus wanted to do His Father's plan.

KEY PASSAGE: John 1:1-2

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

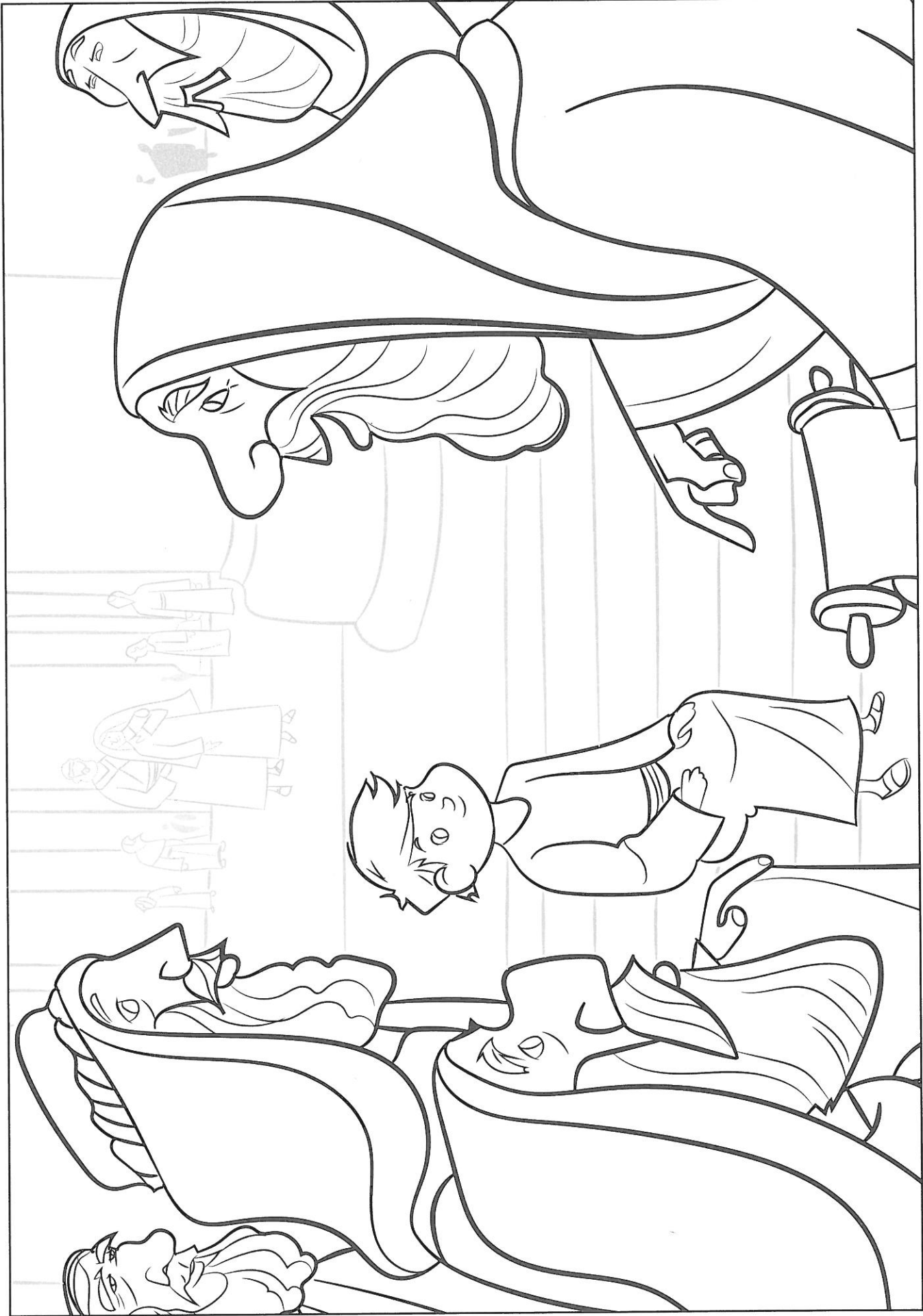
- Why were Mary and Joseph confused by Jesus' answer about being in His Father's house?
- What was God's plan for Jesus?
- How can we be a part of doing God's plan, too?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Make a plan for what to do if you ever get separated from your kids. Discuss the plan with your kids and run "lost drill" with them.



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Jesus as a Child

Matthew 2; Luke 2

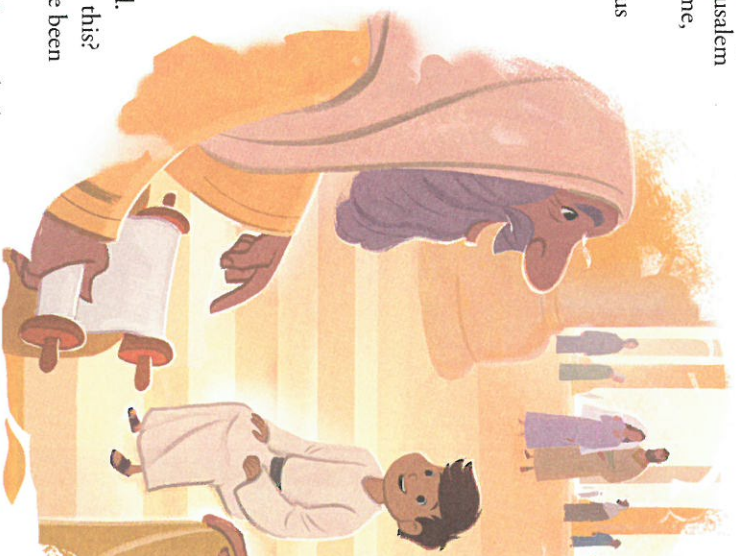
STORY POINT: EVEN AS A CHILD, JESUS WANTED TO DO HIS FATHER'S PLAN.

After Jesus was born, wise men followed a star to Bethlehem to find the new king of the Jews. The wise men worshiped Jesus as King. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus went back to Nazareth. Jesus grew up in Nazareth.

Every year, Jesus' parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. When Jesus was 12 years old, Jesus and His family went to Jerusalem together. When it was time to go home, Mary and Joseph began traveling to Nazareth. They didn't notice that Jesus was not with them; they thought He was among the group of travelers. But Jesus had stayed behind.

Mary and Joseph had been walking for a whole day when they started to look for Jesus. They went back to Jerusalem. They searched everywhere for Jesus. Finally, they found Him at the temple. Jesus was listening to the teachers and asking them questions. Everyone who heard Jesus could hardly believe how much Jesus understood. When Jesus' parents saw Him, they were surprised. Mary said, "Son, why have You done this? Your father and I were worried. We've been looking everywhere for You."

"Why were you looking for Me?" Jesus asked. "Didn't you know that I had to be in My Father's house?" Then Jesus went back to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph. Jesus was always obedient to them. As Jesus grew up, He became even wiser. God was pleased with Him, and so was everyone who knew Him.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do you worship King Jesus?
- Jesus focused on pleasing the Father. What can you do that is pleasing to God?
- How do you think God feels when He looks at you?

Christ Connection: God sent Jesus to earth with a purpose. Even as a child, Jesus wanted to honor God. God blessed Jesus as He got ready to follow His Father's plan: to die on the cross and rescue people from sin.

List of Learning

List things you have learned how to do in each period of your life so far. Then list things you think you'll learn in the future.

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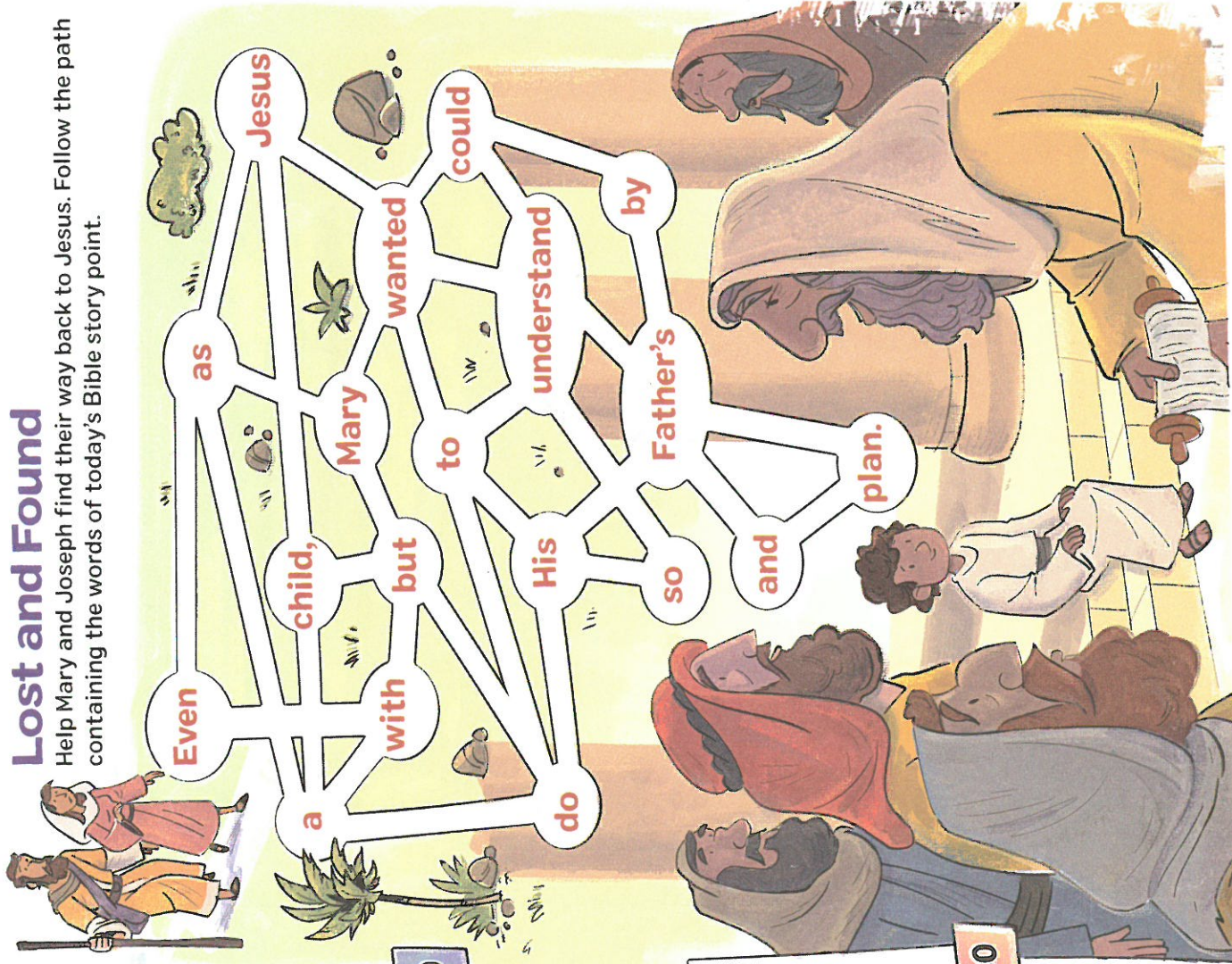
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Age 11 to Age 18

Age 19 to Age 30

Lost and Found

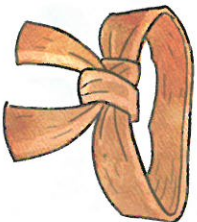
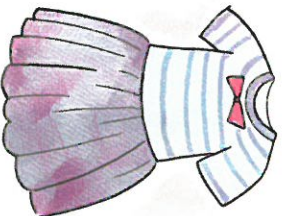
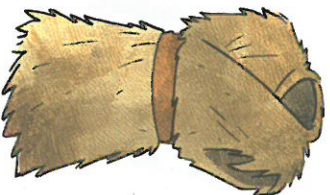
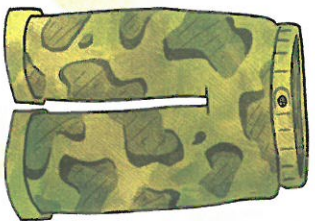
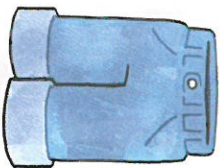
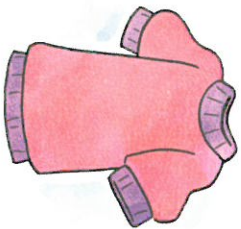
Help Mary and Joseph find their way back to Jesus. Follow the path containing the words of today's Bible story point.



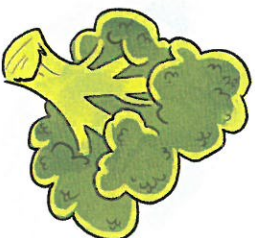
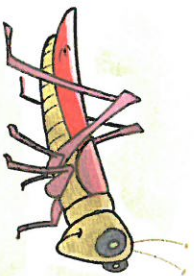
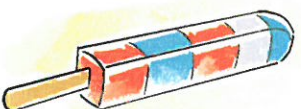
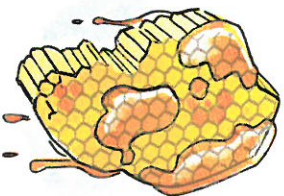
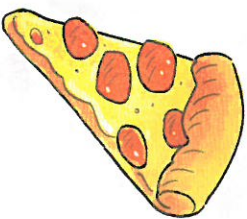
What Would You Choose?

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the pictures that show the clothes and foods that you would choose.

Which clothes would you choose?



Which foods would you choose?



Preschool Activity Pages
Unit 20 • Session 1
Jesus' Baptism

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- John the Baptist told people to repent of their sins.
- When people repented, John baptized them in the Jordan River.
- John baptized Jesus even though Jesus never sinned.
- God's Spirit came down on Jesus like a dove.

KEY PASSAGE: John 3:30

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What does the word *repent* mean?
- Why was John surprised Jesus asked John to baptize Him?
- What does baptism remind us of?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Invite a friend or family member to tell how and why he or she was baptized. Emphasize faith and repentance.
- Purchase a food-grade pack of edible bugs. Challenge family members to try the bugs with honey. Talk about John's unique diet.



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Descend Like a ...

INSTRUCTIONS: Draw lines to connect the dots in numerical order.



Younger Kids Activity Pages

Unit 20 • Session 1

Jesus' Baptism

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- John the Baptist told people to repent and be ready for the kingdom of God.
- Jesus asked John to baptize Him.
- At first, John did not think it was right for him to baptize Jesus.
- Jesus obeyed God by being baptized.

KEY PASSAGE: John 3:30

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why did John think it was odd for him to baptize Jesus?
- Why is baptism important and what does it mean?
- Who should be baptized?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Look up instructions for how to make tie-dye clothing at home. Work with your kids to make fun and colorful shirts or other garment items. Discuss the term *baptism*, and explain how your church handles baptism. Remind kids what baptism symbolizes.



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Jesus' Baptism

Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3; John 1

STORY POINT: JESUS OBEYED GOD BY BEING BAPTIZED.

John the Baptist lived in the wilderness. John began telling people, "Repent and be baptized because God's kingdom is almost here."

Some people asked John, "Who are you?"

John said, "I am not the Messiah." Long before John was born, the prophet Isaiah said, "Someone is shouting in the wilderness. He says, 'Prepare the way for the Lord; make His paths straight!'"

Isaiah was talking about John. John was supposed to get people ready for Jesus—God's promised Messiah.

People started to repent. Then John baptized them in the Jordan River. John preached, "Someone greater than me is coming. I will baptize you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Jesus went to see John at the Jordan River. When John saw Jesus, he said, "Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" Jesus told John that He wanted to be baptized. But John baptized people who confessed their sins; Jesus never sinned! Jesus said, "Allow Me to be baptized. God says this is right." So John agreed, and he baptized Jesus.

Jesus came up out of the water. Suddenly, the heavens opened, and Jesus saw the Holy Spirit coming down on Him like a dove. God's voice came from heaven. "This is My Son. I love Him, and I am very pleased with Him!"



- #### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS
- What does baptism help us understand about Jesus and what it means to follow Him?
 - Why was Jesus baptized? Why are believers baptized?
 - If you have witnessed a baptism or been baptized, describe what it was like.

Christ Connection: Jesus never sinned, but He obeyed God and was baptized like sinners are baptized. Baptism reminds us of Jesus' death and resurrection. It reminds us that when we trust in Jesus, we turn from sin and start a new life—a life lived for Jesus.

Baptism Words | More than 40 words can be formed using the letters in the word **BAPTISM**. How many words can you make?
List them in the space provided.

BAPTISM

Tell the Story

Find and read each Bible reference.
Write what happened in your own words.



Matthew 3:13-14

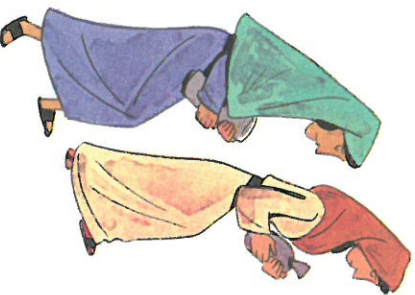
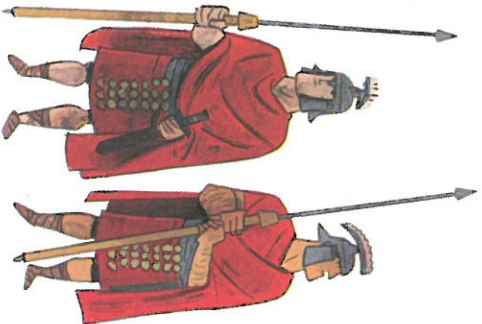
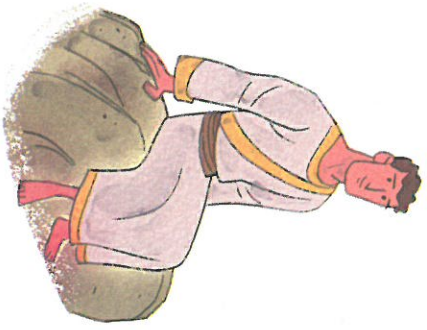
Matthew 3:16

Matthew 3:15

Matthew 3:17

Who Fits Where?

INSTRUCTIONS: Draw a line matching the figures on the bottom to the scene in which they belong on top.



Preschool Activity Pages
Easter • Session 2
Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus died on a cross and was buried in a tomb.
- On the third day, the tomb was open and an angel told Jesus' two friends, both named Mary, that Jesus was alive.
- Jesus appeared to the two Marys.
- Jesus gives us life with God forever.

KEY PASSAGE: John 3:30

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to rescue sinners.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

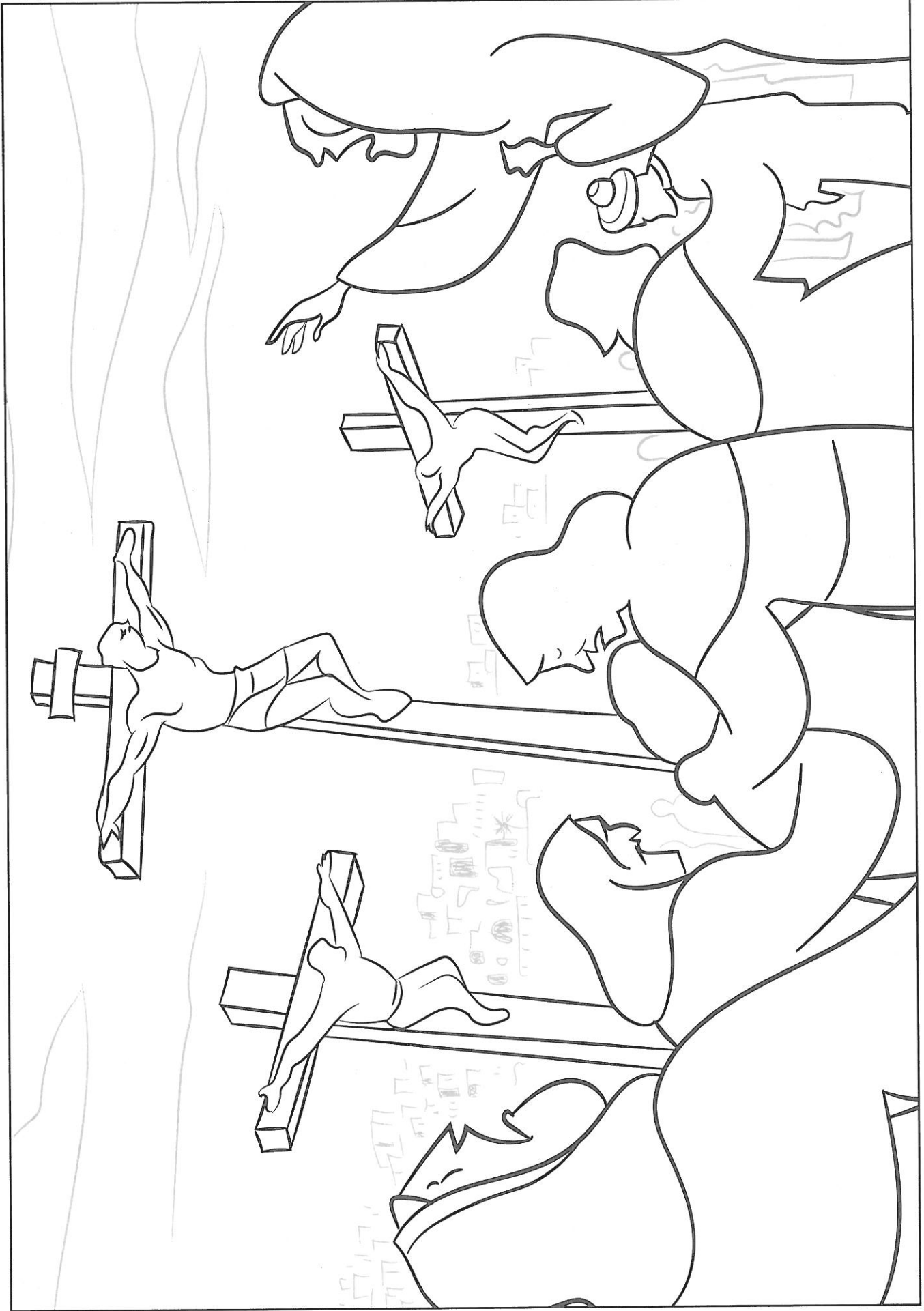
- Why is Jesus' death and resurrection the most important thing that has ever happened?
- How can we have life with God?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Watch the sunrise as a family. Talk about what it might have been like that first Easter morning.
- Ask church staff for the names and contact information of one or two guests who came to the Easter service your family could pray for and follow up with.



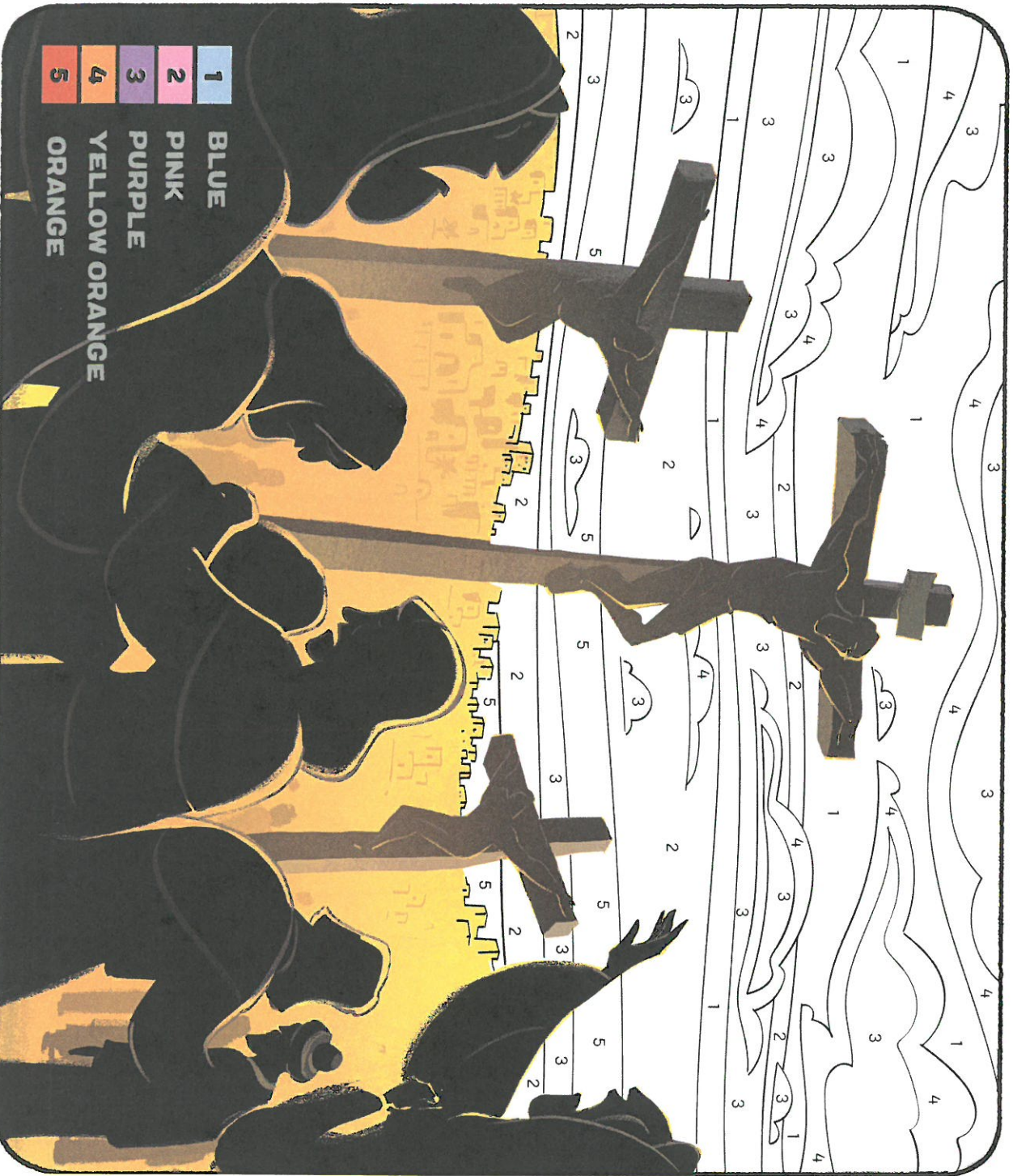
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STORY POINT: JESUS GIVES US LIFE WITH GOD FOREVER.

Bleak and Beautiful

INSTRUCTIONS: Color the picture using the number key below.



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Easter • Session 2
Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- The religious leaders in Jesus' day refused to believe that He is the Messiah.
- The religious leaders hated Jesus and had Him arrested.
- Jesus died on the cross even though He never sinned.
- Jesus' resurrection gives us hope for eternal life.

KEY PASSAGE: John 3:30

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

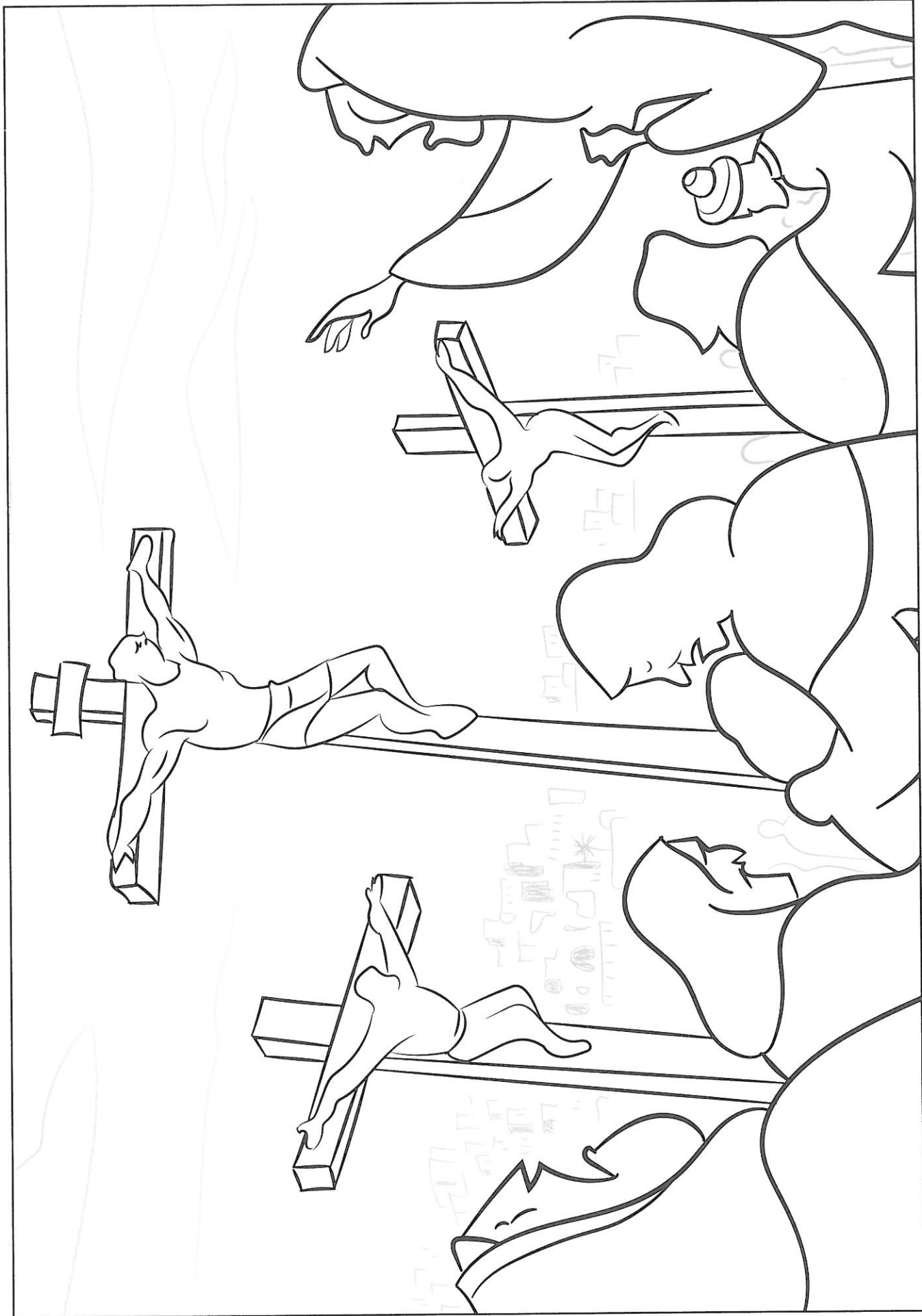
- Why did Jesus have to die?
- What did Jesus defeat when He rose from the dead?
- Who can we tell about Jesus' death and resurrection?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Use craft sticks and glue to make wooden crosses with your kids. Talk about how the cross was a symbol of death, but through Jesus it is now a symbol of hope for eternity.



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STORY POINT: JESUS' RESURRECTION GIVES US HOPE FOR ETERNAL LIFE.

Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection
Matthew 26-28; 1 Corinthians 15

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Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

Matthew 26–28; 1 Corinthians 15

STORY POINT: JESUS' RESURRECTION GIVES US HOPE FOR ETERNAL LIFE.

After Jesus was arrested, He was led to the high priest. The high priest asked, "Are You the Messiah, the Son of God?" Jesus replied, "Yes, that's right." The high priest said, "He has spoken against God! He deserves to die!"

In the morning, the religious leaders led Jesus to Pilate, the governor. "Are You the King of the Jews?" Pilate asked. "Yes," Jesus replied.

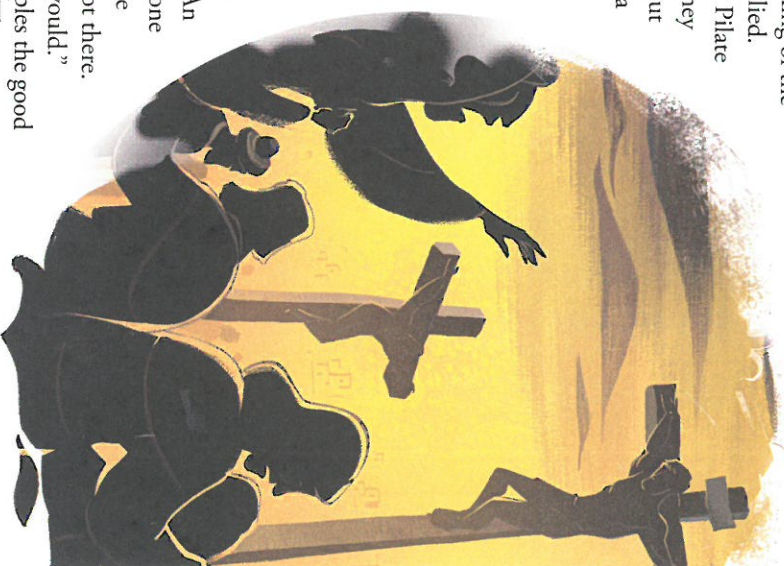
"What should I do with Jesus?" Pilate asked the crowd. "Crucify Him!" they answered. The governor's soldiers put a scarlet robe on Jesus. They made a crown of thorns and put it on His head. Then they mocked Him: "Here is the King of the Jews!"

They beat Jesus and led Him away to be killed. The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. Two criminals were crucified next to Him. Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Jesus shouted again and then He died.

Jesus was buried in a tomb. On the third day, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. An angel of the Lord rolled back the stone and sat on it. The angel spoke to the women, "Don't be afraid! Jesus is not there. He has risen, just like He said He would."

The women ran to tell the disciples the good news. Just then Jesus greeted them. The women worshiped Him. "Don't be afraid," Jesus told them. "Tell My followers to go to Galilee. They will see Me there." Jesus appeared to Peter and then to the other disciples. Many people witnessed that Jesus is alive!

Christ Connection: Jesus' death and resurrection is the center of the gospel. In Adam, we were spiritually dead in sin, but Jesus died to pay for our sins. Jesus is alive! God gives new life to everyone who trusts in Jesus.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What did Jesus' death accomplish?
- Why does Jesus' resurrection give us hope?
- Can we ever be good enough to get to God on our own? Why?

Easter Scramble

Unscramble the key words from today's Bible story.

AISESMH

This name for Jesus means "anointed one."

AITLEP

This governor handed Jesus over to the crowds.

OTNHRS

Jesus' crown was made of these.

AICTURN

This split from top to bottom when Jesus died.

ONTES

Jesus' tomb was sealed with this.

IAELLEG

Jesus said His followers would see Him here.

SUSEJ

He greeted the women and they worshiped Him.

IRTHD

Jesus rose from the dead on this day.



He's Alive! Find the path from the cross to the tomb and then to Jesus.