

The Holy Family

'The promise received in faith.'

Children's liturgy activity December 27th , 2020



VERSE OF THE WEEK



Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

In the gospel today, we see St. Joseph and Mother Mary taking Baby Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord according to the law of the lord. They were obedient to the laws of the Lord given through Prophet Moses. We see two very special people in the Temple, Simeon and Anna, who were waiting patiently and faithfully trusting in Lords promise of the Saviour. Simeon was a righteous person living by the Holy Spirit. He trusted in the revelations of the Holy spirit that 'he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.' As Jesus was brought to be presented to the lord, the Holy Spirit led Simeon to the temple and revealed to him Jesus. He took Jesus in his arms and began to bless the Lord. After recognizing Jesus, he exclaimed that his eyes have seen the salvation promised according to the word, by the lord to all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Simeon began to prophecy about Jesus to his parents and they were amazed at his sayings. Simeon blessed Jesus and said, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted —and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

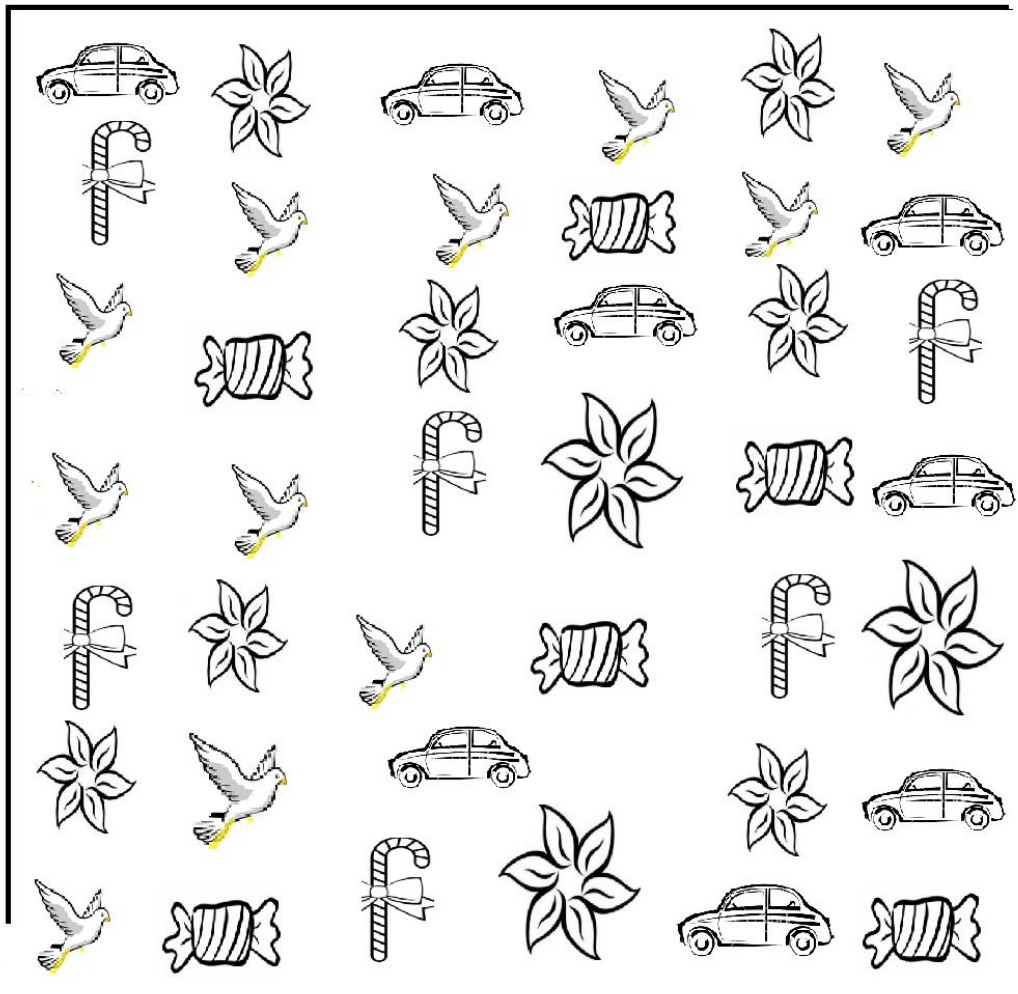
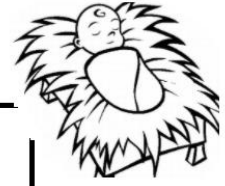
Anna was a prophetess. She was very old. She lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then became a widow. She lived in the temple of Jerusalem until she was eighty-four. She was serving God night and day with fasting and prayer, waiting on the promise of the lord. When She saw baby Jesus, she began to praise God; and she spoke about the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem trusting in the promise of the lord. Jesus parents fulfilled all that is set by the law and returned to Nazareth where Jesus grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

We see the Holy Family was obedient to the lord and by presenting Jesus to the lord, they thanked Lord who fulfilled His promise. Jesus, the gift from God, was dedicated to always be in God's hands and he was filled in wisdom and God's favour.

Simeon offered himself to be led by the holy spirit and waited faithfully trusting in Lords promise. People living in God's Spirit, are able to see God's plans and promises revealed. Holy Spirit helps them to recognize Jesus and they find full happiness and salvation in Jesus. Prophetess Anna too dedicated passionately to serve God and waited patiently in faith for Lords promised Saviour. Once she recognized Jesus, she began to praise God and made Jesus known to all.

Our God is always faithful in His promises to us, the greatest of it is Jesus and it is fulfilled. God sent Jesus for us that anyone who believes in him will have eternal life in heaven. Let us reflect, are we offering our families to be obedient to Lords words? Are we thankful to our Lord for Jesus and all blessings for us? Are we able to recognize Jesus who is with us? Are we allowing ourselves to be led by Holy Spirit to see Jesus? Are we making known about Jesus to all- the greatest gift of the lord for the world - the only way for salvation? Let us offer our Families to be like the Holy family and be thankful for everything Lord is doing for us. Let us be faithful and loyal to God through our life, trusting in Jesus- our salvation. Let us live following Jesus, waiting patiently in faith and preparing in hope for the promise of His Second coming. Let us give ourselves to be led by the Holy spirit who helps us to know Him and be like Him more and more. Let us change ourselves by doing only the things that please God as led by the Holy Spirit and filling in wisdom just like the Holy family, as we wait in faith for the promise of Jesus Second coming.

LEAD SIMEON TO JESUS
 (Clue to find the way: Luke 2:27)



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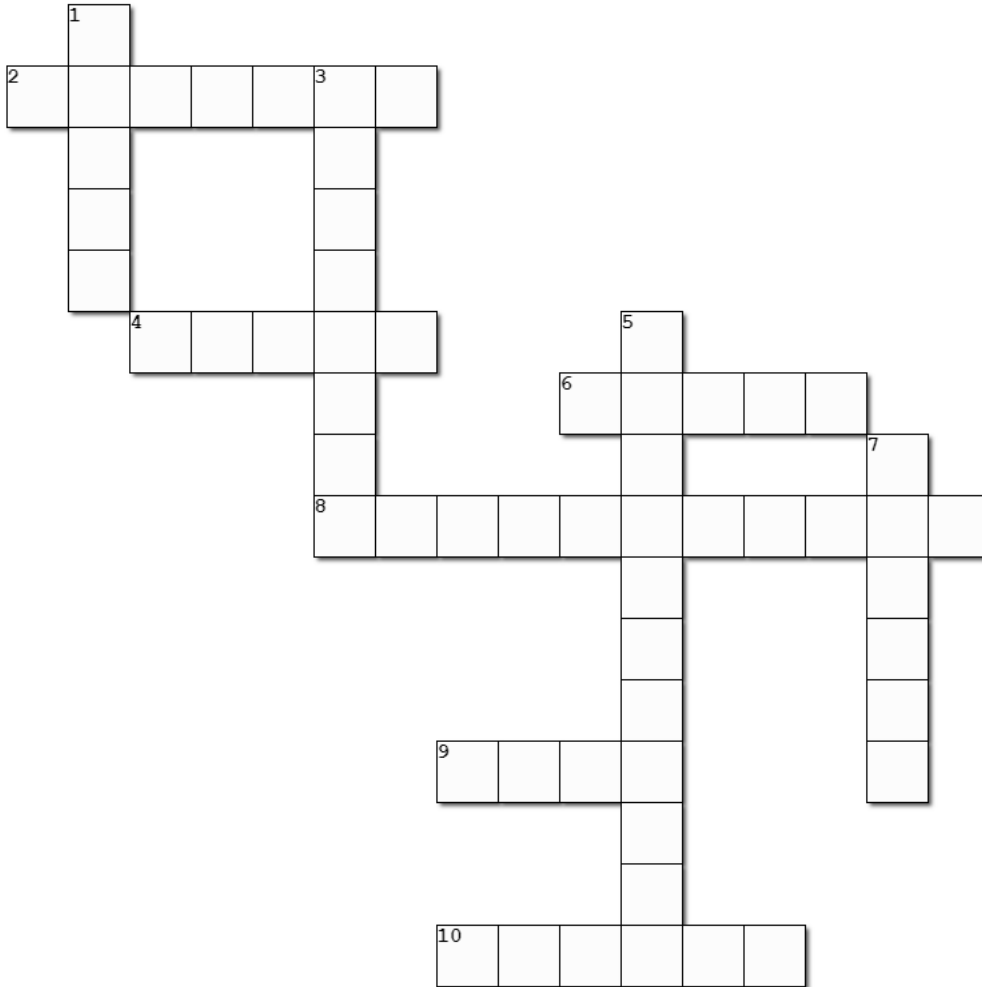
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(CLUE: Luke 2:22-40)



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- 2. WHAT SACRIFICE DID JESUS PARENTS OFFER?
- 4. WHAT WILL PIERCE MOTHER MARY'S HEART?
- 6. TO WHOM DID GOD GIVE THE LAWS
- 8. ----- REVEALED TO HIM THAT HE WILL NOT SEE DEATH BEFORE HE HAD SEEN CHRIST
- 9. THE PROPHETESS MET IN THE TEMPLE
- 10. JESUS GREW FILLED IN -----

Down

- 1. THE SALVATION AND LIGHT OF REVELATION FOR GENTILES. WHO IS HE?
- 3. NAME THE OWN TOWN OF THE HOLY FAMILY
- 5. EVERY MALE THE OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE----- TO THE LORD
- 7. THE RIGHTEOUS AND DEVOUT MAN MET IN JERUSALEM



Let us Pray,

Dear Lord, we thank you for Jesus, the greatest gift of your love for us. We thank you for the Holy spirit that you gave us through Jesus to live a life that leads us to You in Heaven. We thank you for our families. Give us grace to live in the Holy spirit filling in wisdom by knowing Jesus and being like Him more and more. Help us to always be thankful , loyal, patient, and faithful to you as we wait in hope, putting our trust in the second coming of Jesus. Let our favor be upon each one of us.

Make our families as the Holy Family. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.