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# Activity time

 **Luke 2.22-40**

Mary and Joseph give thanks for Jesus at the Temple. Prophets Simeon and Anna recognise Jesus as a very special baby.

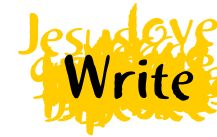


 **Draw**

Draw a picture of yourself as a baby or small child, and then one of yourself as you are now. What has changed?

Me as a baby or child

Me today

 **Write**

Use the words to fill in the blanks and complete the sentences.

Jesus                      Joseph                      blessed                      Mary  
Anna                      Temple                      Simeon                      God

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ went to the \_\_\_\_\_

with baby \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ blessed him

and \_\_\_\_\_ praised \_\_\_\_\_.

CLUES:

**Down**

1. What Simeon did to Jesus.

**Across**

1. Jesus was only 40 days old so he was a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Where Mary and Joseph went in Jerusalem.
3. The name of God's Son.
4. The old man who said Jesus was 'a light' to the world.
5. Mary and Joseph's reaction to what Simeon said.
6. Anna was a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Today is the festival of \_\_\_\_\_.

 **Family time**

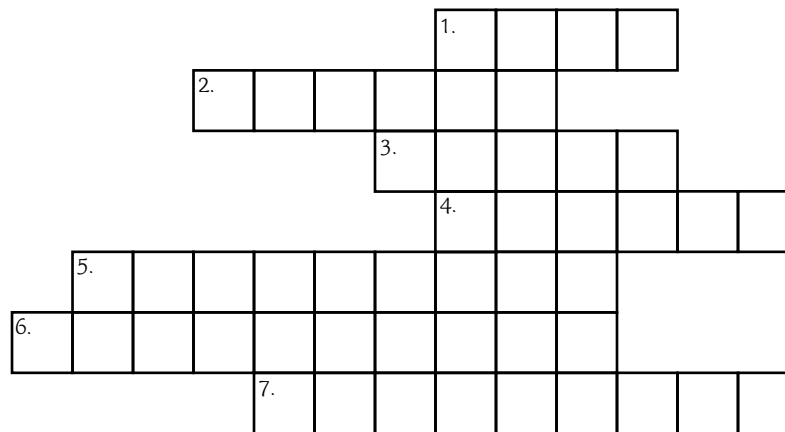
**Talk** How might Simeon and Anna have known that Jesus was a special baby?

**Read** *Father and Son* by Geraldine McCaughrean (Hodder Children's Books). A beautifully illustrated book about Jesus' childhood from Joseph's point of view.

**Pray** Ask for God's blessing on someone who needs his love, help or protection this week.

 **Puzzle**

Use the clues from today's story to complete the crossword.



Answers: Blessed; Baby; Temple; Jesus; Simeon; Surprised; Prophets; Candlemas.