



KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 2023

BIBLE LESSON: LUKE 2:22-40

Jesus Presented at the Temple Luke 2:22-40

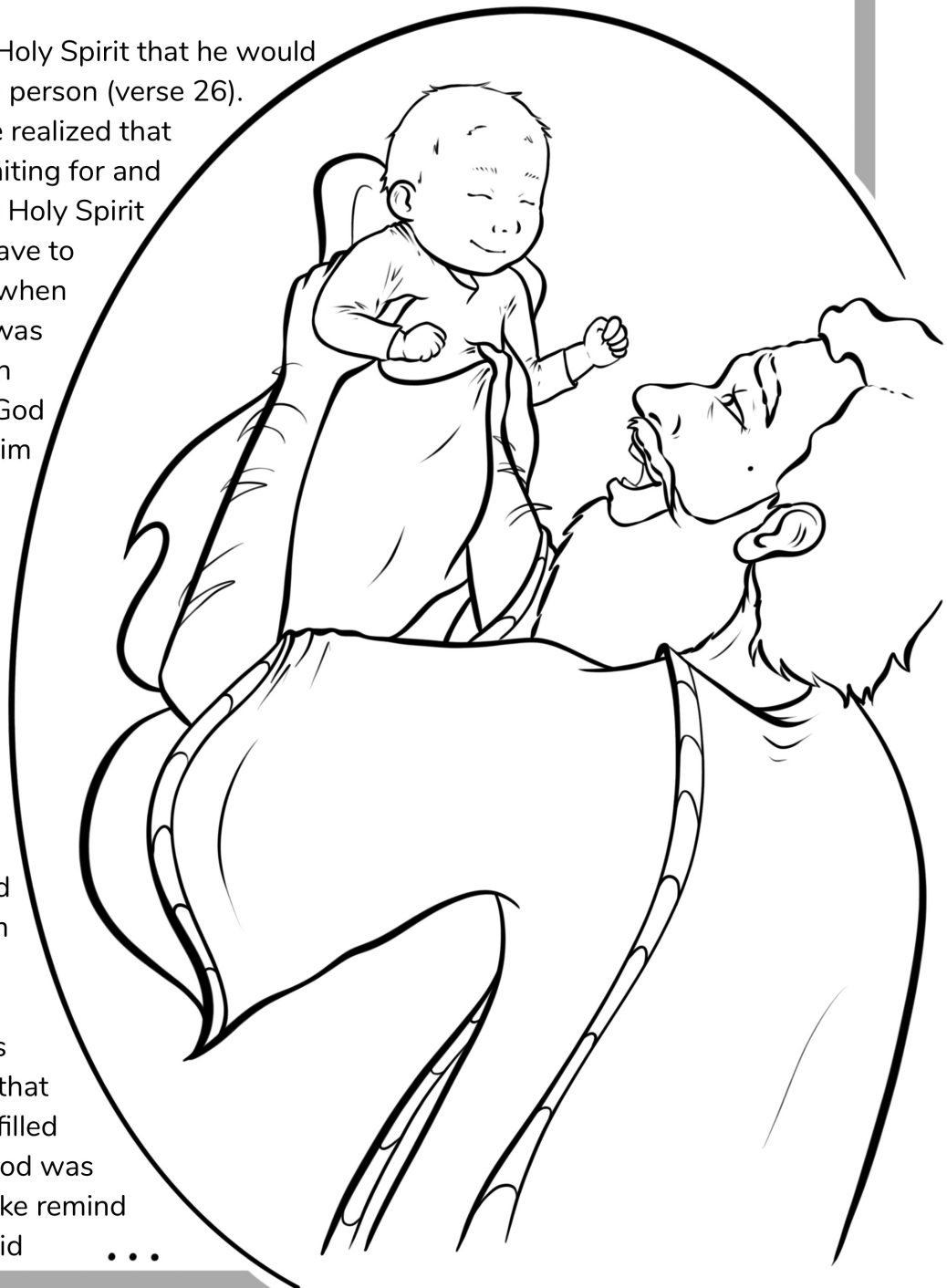
As we read the Gospel lesson for today, we hear and learn about Simeon and Anna, two people who were devout believers in God's promises of the coming Messiah and when they realized that Jesus was with them in the flesh—they responded in faith.

Simeon had been told by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen Jesus in person (verse 26).

Can you imagine his joy when he realized that this was the day he had been waiting for and that it was happening just as the Holy Spirit had revealed to him? We don't have to imagine, because, just like Mary when the Holy Spirit told her that she was going to be Jesus' mother Simeon also burst out in song, thanking God for the gift of Jesus, not just for him but for everyone (verse 32)!

Luke tells us that Anna was a prophetess who came to the Temple at the very time when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus. Anna is the first prophetess to be mentioned in the New Testament and she demonstrates the quiet and unique role that women have and the gifts that God has given them for His work on earth.

Finally in verses 39-40 of today's reading from Luke 2 we are told that Jesus grew and became strong "filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him." These words from Luke remind us of when the prophet Isaiah said ...





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in Chapter 11 verse 2 about the coming Messiah "And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord".



Prayer

Let us pray together: Dear Father in Heaven, help us to be faithful like Simeon and Anna, waiting for the day when we will get to see you face to face just like they did. Thank you for being Our Saviour, The Messiah, Jesus our best friend. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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