

Name

 **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.



 **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.

Activity time 



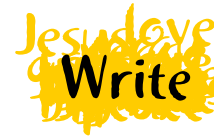
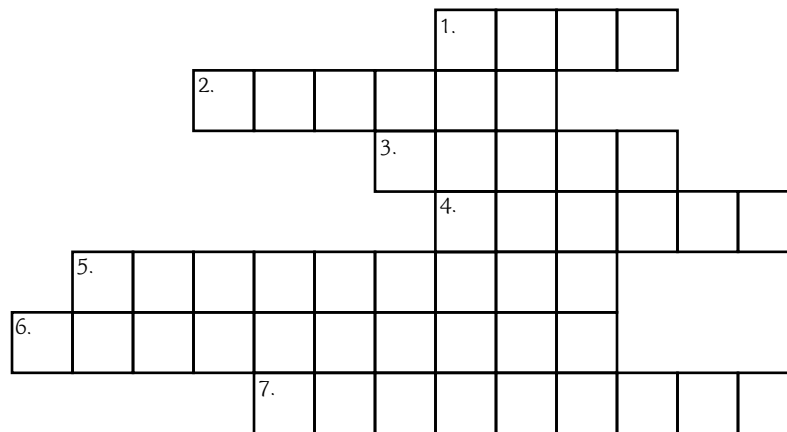
Draw a picture of yourself as a baby or small child, and then one of yourself as you are now. What has changed?

Me as a baby or child

Me today



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



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 _____.

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