

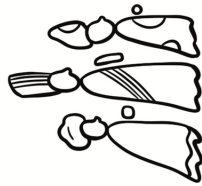


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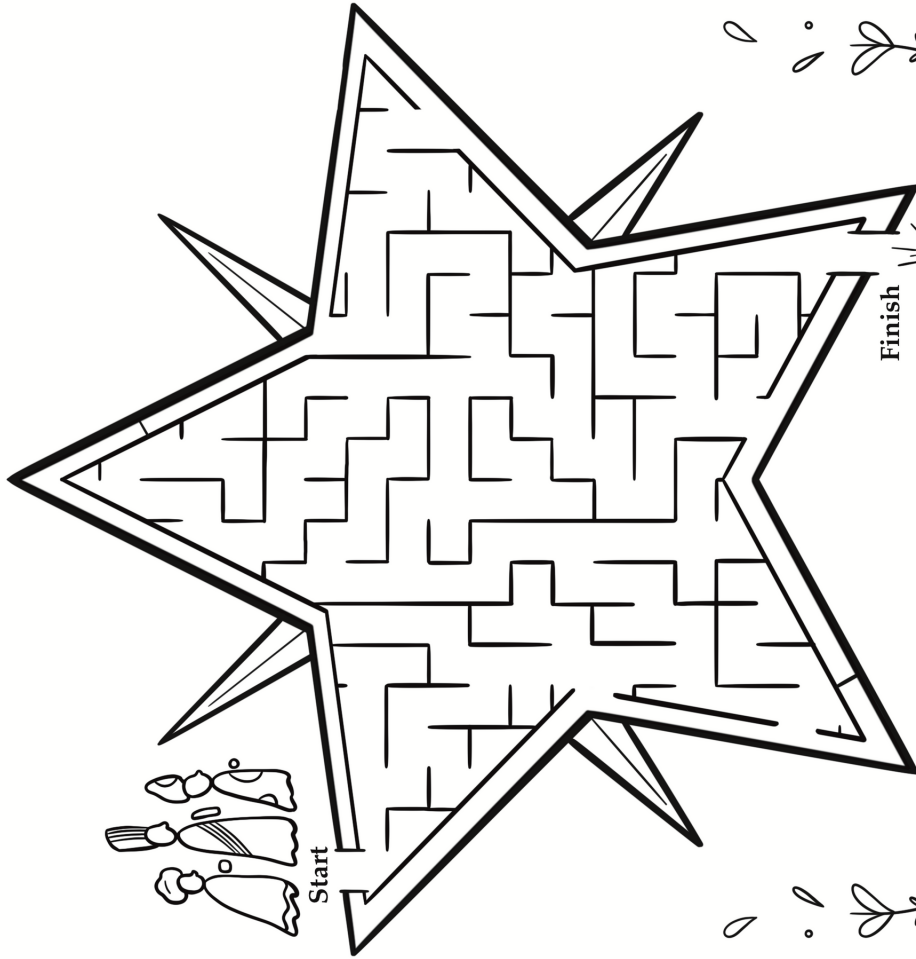
# Week 5 Activities

## Star Maze

Help the wise men find Jesus by following the path in the star!



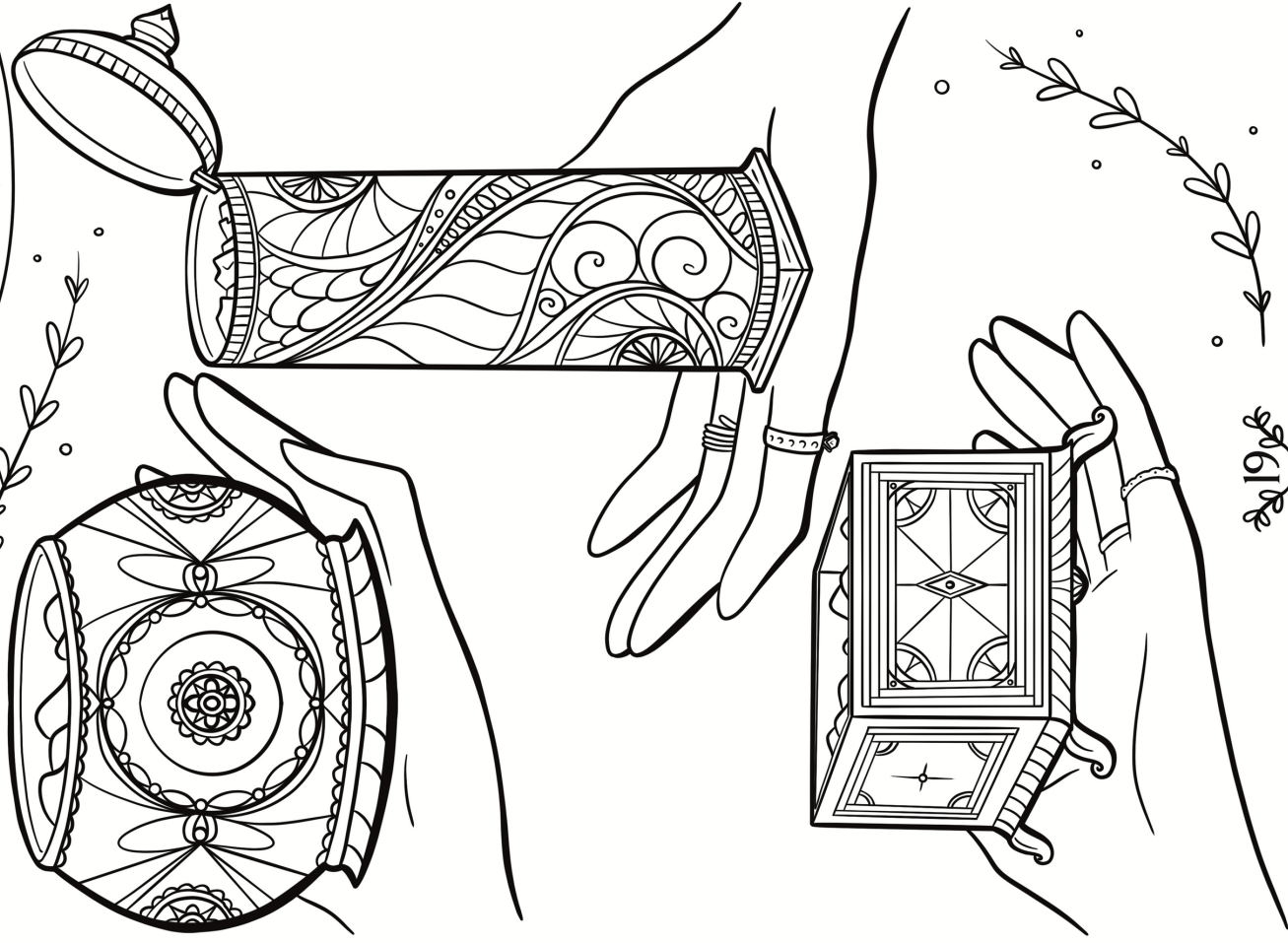
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# Week 5



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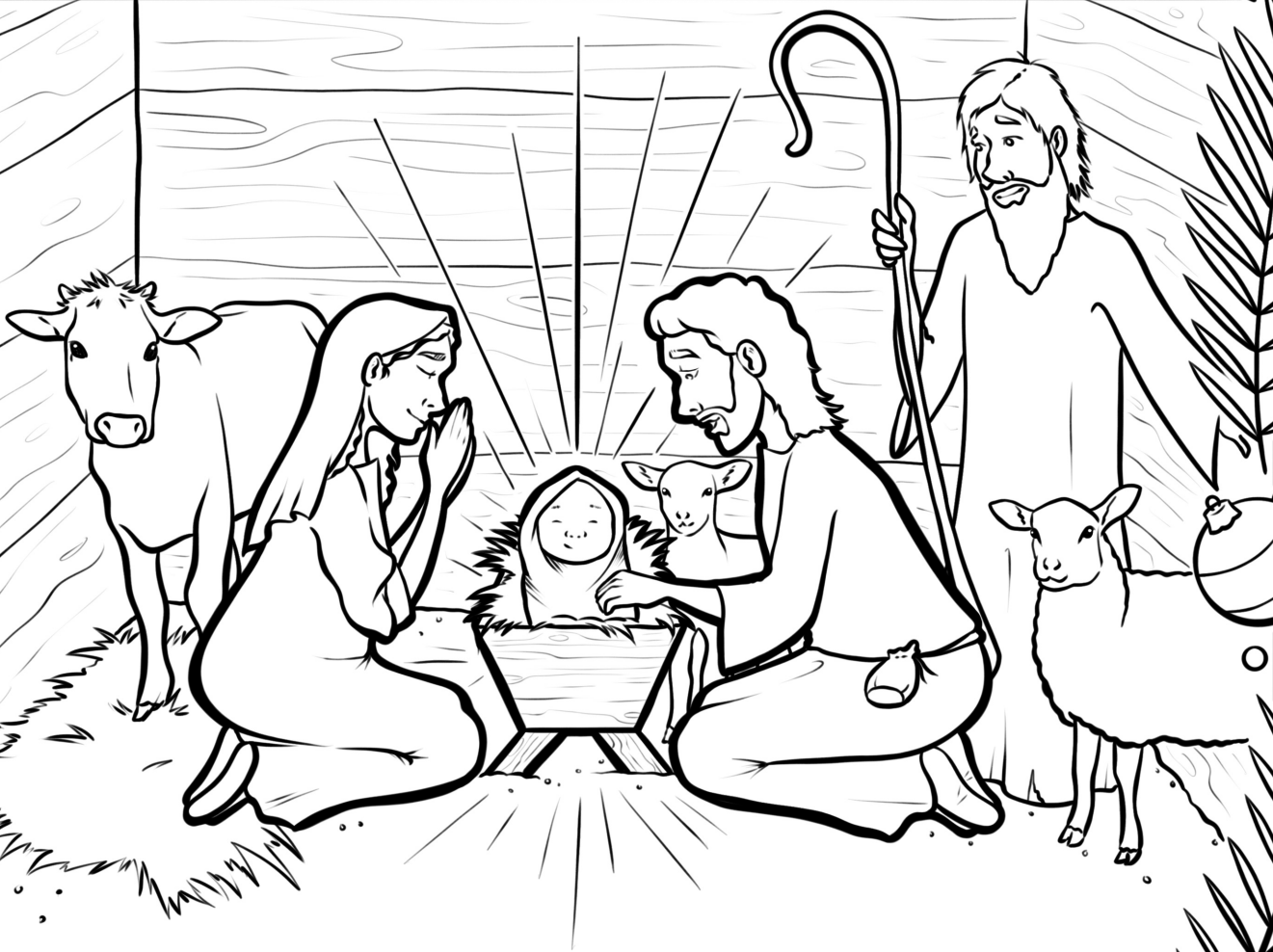
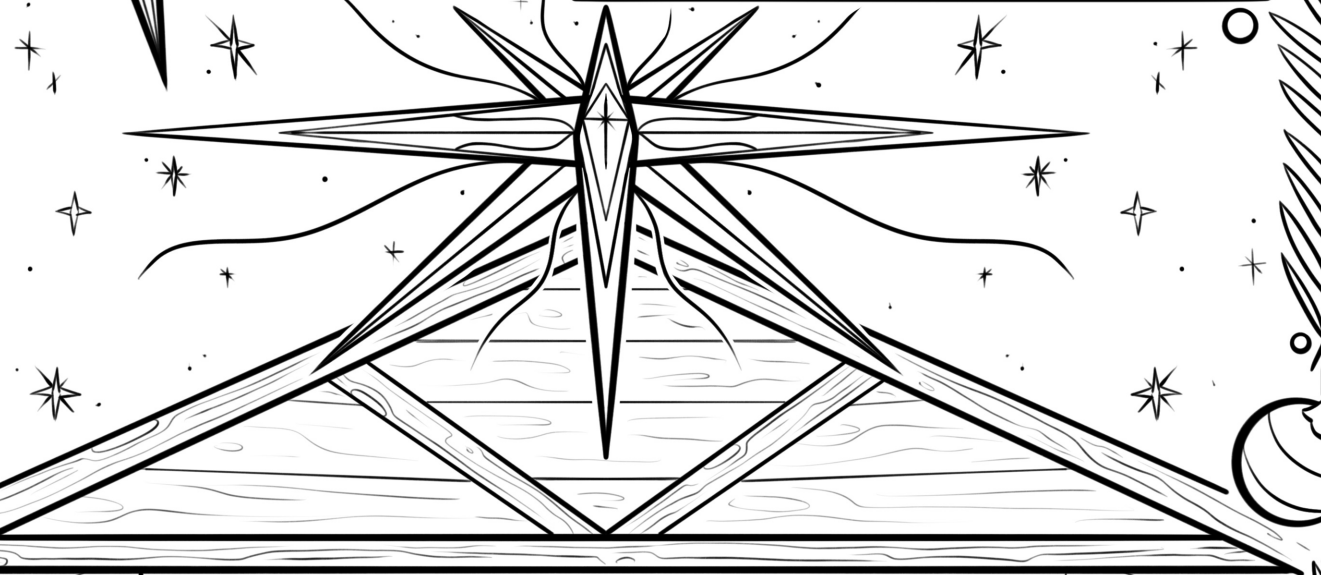
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# KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

BIBLE LESSON: LUKE 2:1-20





## WORD SEARCH

Find these words from the story of Christmas in this Word Search!

F T M Q U V S D R E H P E H S E H S B O  
 J G E J Y C M Z E H E W T R R N J A L E  
 M O H E Y M K I W C Z D X X U Y E N Y G  
 U D E S O C K H T R I B K N O Y Y V Y A  
 L A L U B R Y H E J R R W G I D V R B N  
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 E O W S M T E N C L L C H A T Y Y A A D  
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 Z O Q I G A P L G P E D I S D E Q I Y K  
 W T K C Z E I N N H P P R N V B J K J F  
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| ANGELS    | JESUS CHRIST |
| BABY      | JOSEPH       |
| BETHLEHEM | JOY          |
| BIRTH     | MANGER       |
| FEAR      | MARY         |
| FLOCK     | MULTITUDE    |
| GLORY     | PEACE        |
| GOD       | SAVIOUR      |
| HEART     | SHEPHERDS    |
| INN       | SWADDLING    |

## • THE ADVENT WREATH •

During Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, we light the fifth and final candle called "The Christ Candle."

This last white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God who brings us light in the darkness!

Colour in the wreath and the flames of all the candles!



### Prayer

O Holy Child, I treasure the Good News of Your birth for my salvation. Call others to faith through me. Amen.\*

\* Lutheran Study Bible, 2009



# KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

BIBLE LESSON: LUKE 2:22-40

In this week's  
Bible verse we  
learn about two  
believers who  
met and praised  
baby Jesus!





## FILL IN THE BLANKS

Follow along in our verse and use the Word Bank to fill in the Blanks in Simeon's song!

### WORD BANK

·LIGHT ·EYES ·PEOPLES ·BLESSED  
·SERVANT ·GLORY ·WORD

He took him up in his arms and \_\_\_\_\_ God and said,

"Lord, now you are letting your \_\_\_\_\_ depart in peace,

according to your \_\_\_\_\_;

for my \_\_\_\_\_ have seen your salvation

that you have prepared in the presence of all \_\_\_\_\_,

a \_\_\_\_\_ for revelation to the Gentiles,

and for \_\_\_\_\_ to your people Israel."

- Luke 2:28-32

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble these words from Luke 2:22-40!

1. ONIESM \_\_\_\_\_
2. NAAN \_\_\_\_\_
3. ZERANATH \_\_\_\_\_
4. MDISOW \_\_\_\_\_



### 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.

# ★ EPIPHANY ACTIVITIES

**Christmas isn't over!** Keep the festivities going and celebrate Epiphany! Epiphany is a celebration of the three wisemen and their journey to the see Jesus and gift him with Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.



## **Family tradition ideas for Epiphany:**

1. Send the magi on a journey through your home. Place the three kings in a different area of your home each day. Let the children search for them each morning as they move closer to the manger.
2. As the magi visited the home of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus and brought gifts and blessings, bless your home as a family. Read Proverbs 24:3-4, spend sometime talking about how in your home, Christ is welcome. Write a family prayer together, consider laminating it to use throughout the year.
3. Make three wisemen puppets to retell the story of Epiphany or make three crowns and break out your acting skills.
4. Decorate your home with beautiful glittery stars and candles (battery operated for safety!) As you light (turn on) the candles, say "Jesus is the light of the world".

## UNUSUAL

*and unexpected*

### **Bless others with unexpected gifts!**

To celebrate the gold, frankincense, and myrrh the wisemen brought to Jesus - give gifts! Draw a map of your neighbourhood and plan/make a surprise (card, treat or coupon for a gift of time) to leave in their mailboxes. Keep the map on your fridge to remind you to pray for them throughout the year! Visit [www.lll.ca/my-hopeful-neighbourhood](http://www.lll.ca/my-hopeful-neighbourhood) to download a neighbourhood map and get ideas of ways to bless your neighbours.





# 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

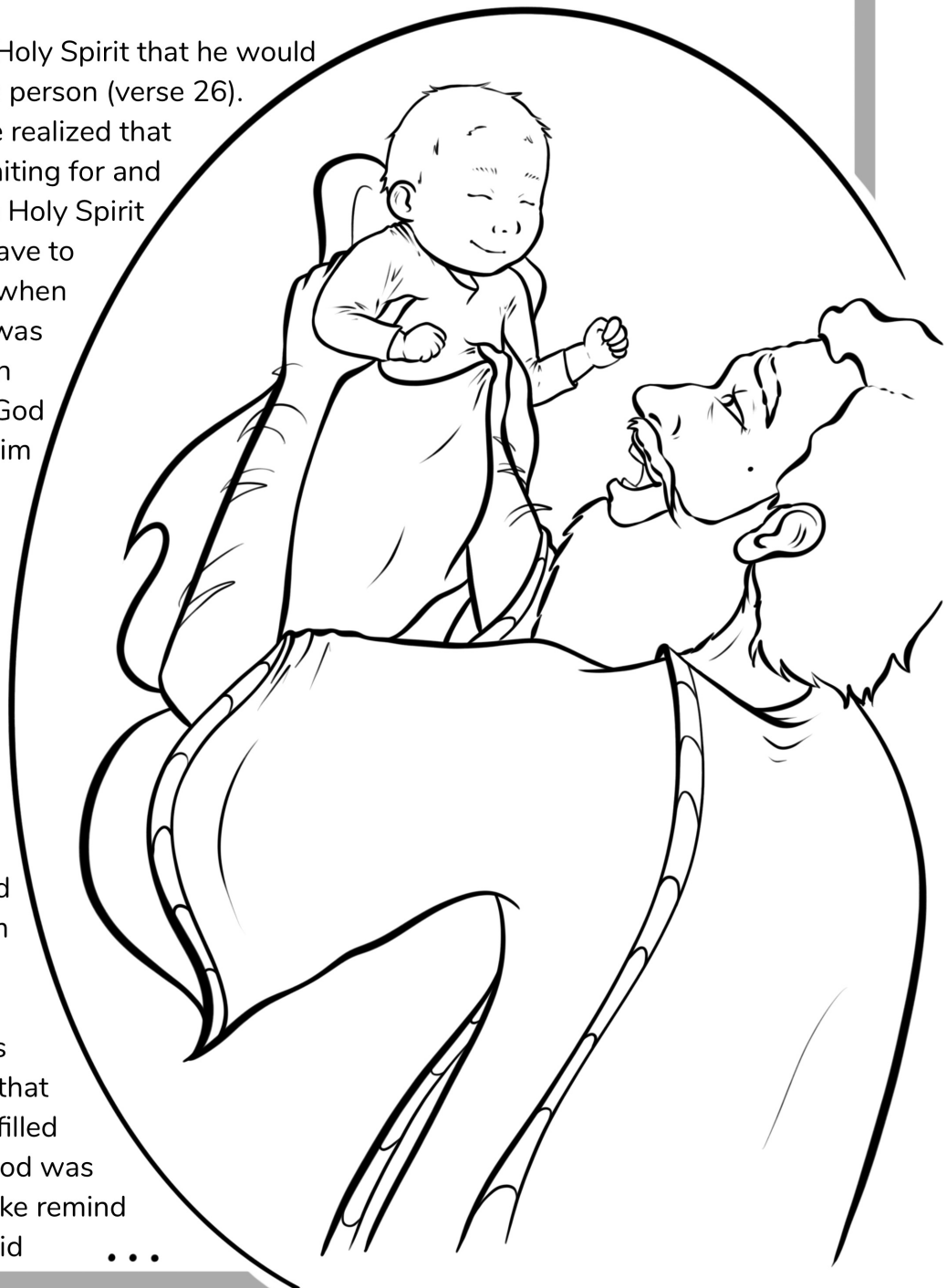
As we read the Gospel lesson for today, we hear and learn about Simeon and Anna, two people who were devout believers in God's promises of the coming Messiah and when they realized that Jesus was with them in the flesh—they responded in faith.

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 ...





# KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

(Continued)

 LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE  
OF CANADA

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.

**Notes:**