

Christmas Day
Simeon and Anna

Hi C4K! Merry Christmas!

Isn't it great that we can still celebrate Jesus being born, even when we can't meet together.

Have you been waiting for Christmas? How long?

What does it feel like to wait for something?

How does it feel when what you've been waiting for happens?

When Jesus was born, there were people who had been waiting their whole lives for something!

They had been waiting for God to keep the promises he had made through the prophets long ago.

Either read the character speeches below or watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leN-xNrjbo>

My name is Simeon

I've followed God all my life.

Not everyone pays attention to what God wants, but I have dedicated my life to living God's way.

I've been waiting for the end of our exile.

Even though we live in the land God promised to give us, we're not free.

We've been ruled by the Persians, the Greeks and now the Romans.

God made me a special promise.

He told me that I would see the one he had promised to send before I died.

I'd been waiting a long time.

One day, God's Spirit told me I should go to the temple.

I wasn't sure why, but I went there straight away.

As I arrived, I met a couple with a baby.

I knew that this was the one God had promised to send. I'd finally seen him!

I was so happy that I praised God out loud.

God kept his promise to me and you can trust him to keep his promises too.

My name is Anna

I'm 84 years old.

I was married for 7 years, but my husband died.

I've been a widow a long time.

I spend my time in the temple. I do a lot of praying!

People come to me when they need wisdom from God.

I saw Simeon holding the baby Jesus and heard what he said.

I had lots to praise God for that day.

I'm so excited! Now I'm telling everyone that the rescuer has been born!

Who will you tell?

Do you do something special as you wait for Christmas?

This Christmas, remember to celebrate that God keeps his promises.

I'm so glad we've been able to share this together, Have a great Christmas!

There's a Find-A-Word on the next page.

You might like to finish with a song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qf6OoAZbAQg>

MARY AND JOSEPH TAKE JESUS TO THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM TO PRESENT HIM TO THE LORD. IN THE PUZZLE BELOW ARE WORDS FROM THE GOSPEL LESSON. SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THEM!

Circle the words found in the Word List below.
They can be across, up, down or diagonal (both forward and backward).

WORD LIST:

CEREMONY
TEMPLE
PIGEONS
SIMEON
DEDICATE

JERUSALEM
PROMISE
PROPHET
SACRIFICE
ANNA

CHILD
MESSIAH
BLESSING
SWORD
CHOSEN

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C	P	J	H	X	L	L	D	H	N	H	H
I	I	T	E	O	P	K	J	O	A	A	I
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A	S	I	C	F	S	K	H	X	B	M	W
S	S	D	R	O	W	S	I	M	E	O	N
E	G	G	O	D	E	D	I	C	A	T	E
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