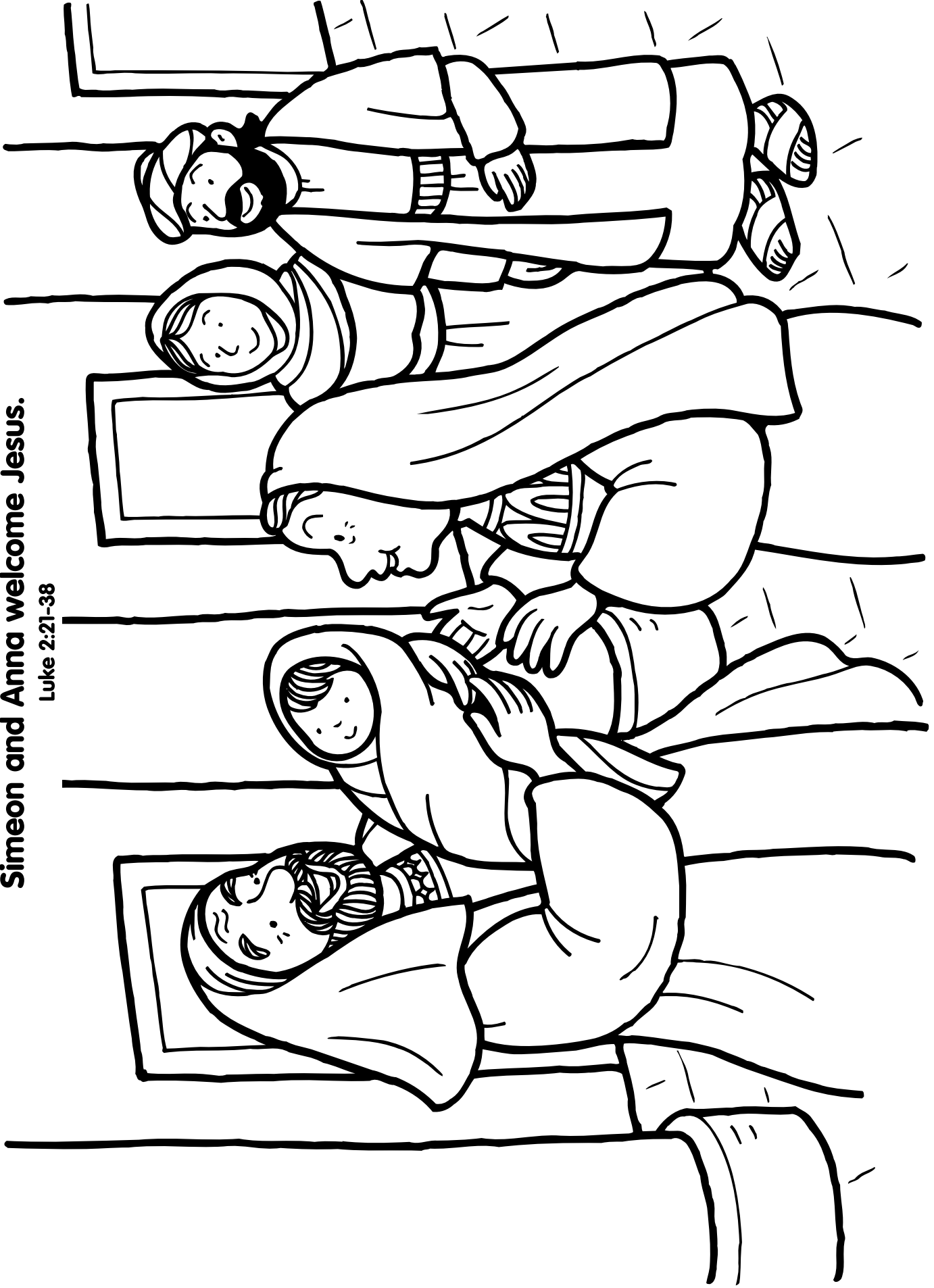


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Simeon was an old man who lived in Jerusalem. He loved God and was often at the Temple, praying and singing praises to God. God had promised Simeon that before he died, he would see God's chosen Son who would save people from their sins.

One day Simeon was at the Temple. He saw Mary and Joseph bringing baby Jesus to be dedicated at the Temple. Parents did this when they wanted their children to love and obey God. Most people probably did not even notice baby Jesus. But Simeon ran up to Mary and Joseph. God helped Simeon know this baby was Jesus, the Savior he had been waiting to see!

Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said how wonderful it was to see the promised Savior. Mary and Joseph were amazed to hear Simeon's words!

Then a lady named Anna came up. Anna loved God. She saw Simeon holding the baby. She, too, knew this baby was the promised Savior. Anna was very happy. Anna told the people in the Temple that the Savior had come, just as God had promised!