

LEARNER SHEET:

SIMEON

Luke 2:25-35



PRAYER TIME

Remember your partner's prayer needs—record them here.

DISCUSSION TIME

- Like Simeon and Anna, who are elder keepers of the faith and full of wisdom for you? Has your perspective on relating to older people changed over time? If so, how?
- Name ways that Jerusalem is an important city in the Bible and in the life of Jesus. Refer to “Jerusalem in Jesus’ Time” on page 182 in *The Lutheran Handbook*. What are some of the events in Jesus’ life that happened in Jerusalem? In what other faith traditions is the city of Jerusalem important?
- Why is it significant that the Gentiles received the Holy Spirit in Acts 10:44-48?
- With a bare bulb or a flashlight lit and in the middle of the group, describe what it means that Jesus is the Messiah, Savior, and the Light of the world.
- What more about Jesus would you like to know?

THE BIG IDEA

Simeon declares baby Jesus the Savior God promised for all people.

BIG FUN IDEA

Find a craft book or a person who knows how to make candles, and organize a session to make your own. Bring them home to your family and use in times of prayer, or offer them to members of your congregation. If you don't have time to make your own candles, go to a candle shop and smell the variety of scented candles. What are some of your favorites?

BIG SERVING IDEA

Get a list of the eldest members of your congregation or visit a nursing home. Interview these elders about what life was like when they were growing up. Take younger children with you, and together share stories of your lives. Take photographs, and write a summary of your experience. Share these with the families of those you have visited and, with their permission, publish them in your church's newsletter.