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B.E.S.
& Friends



B.E.S.
A wise guide



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Bravely asks
questions



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Likes to stop
and think



Beam
An encouraging
friend

STORY 1: Giving thanks in the Temple

This story is about saying "Thank You" to God for His Son.

Adult Guidance - The Bible teaches that Jesus is God's gift to us, that He is the best gift we can have and that we should say "Thank You" for Him. Explain that the Temple was a big building where people came to worship God.



READ:
Luke 2: 22-38

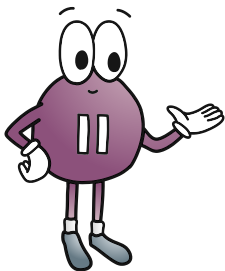
Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the Temple to say thank you to God.

An old man called Simeon came over to them.

He had been waiting for the baby Jesus for a long time.

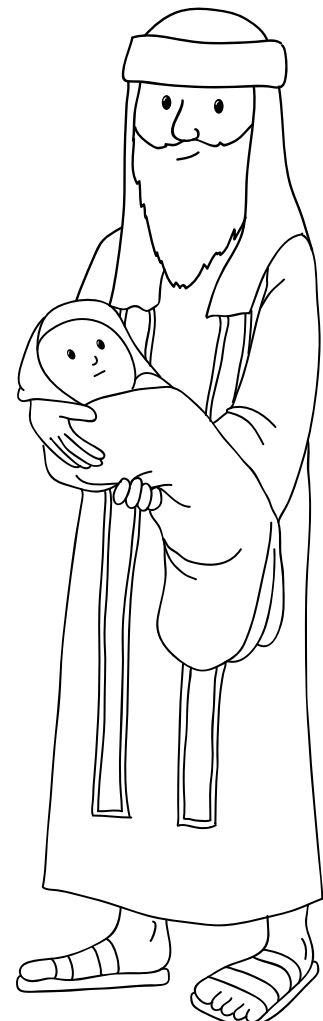
Simeon was so happy to see and hold the baby and say "Thank You" to God.

Colour the picture and join up the letters in the words.



J e s u s

The Bible teaches that the baby Jesus was God's gift to us.



STORY 2: Growing up in Nazareth

This story is about Jesus growing up as a boy.

Adult Guidance - Ask the children if they have ever been separated or lost. Explore how Mary and Joseph must have felt. The Bible teaches that it is important to obey parents.



READ:
Luke 2: 39-52

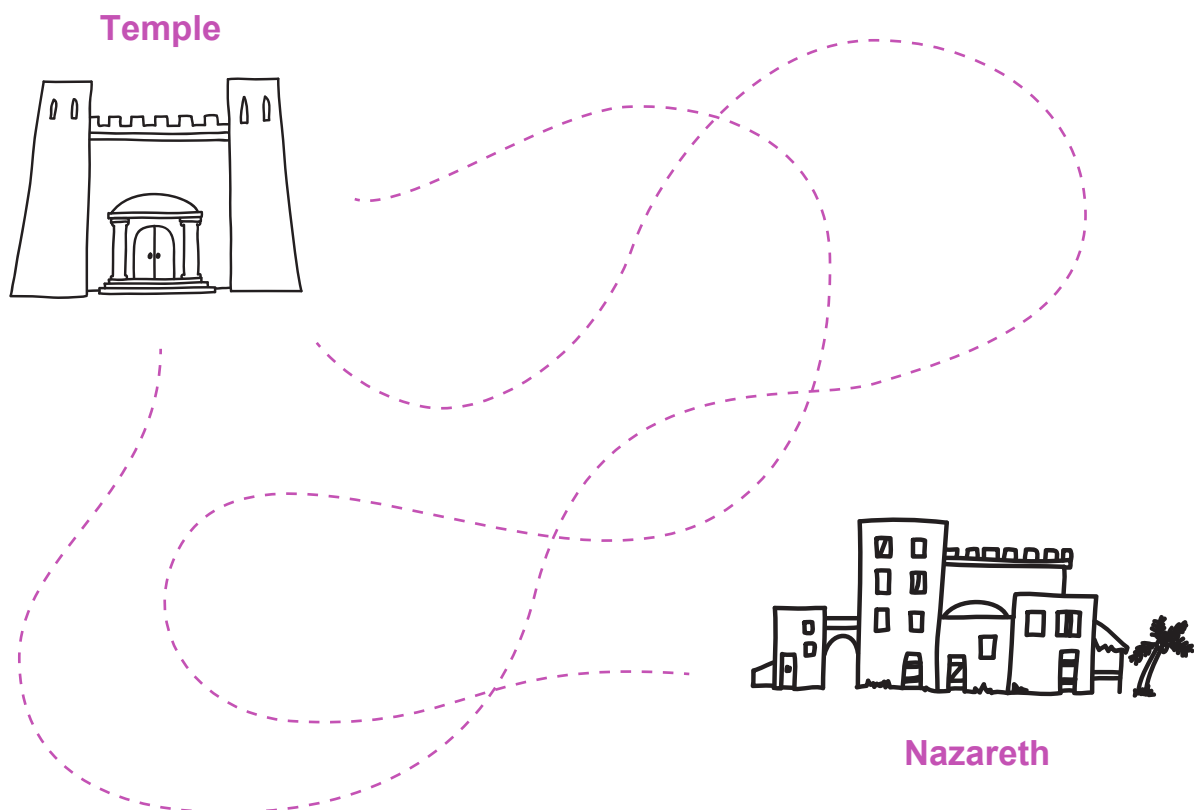
Mary and Joseph were coming home from a special holiday in Jerusalem.

They could not find Jesus in the big crowd of people. Oh dear! Jesus was lost!

Right away, they went all the way back to Jerusalem. After three days they found him in the Temple, talking with the grown-up men about God. Jesus loved to be in God's Temple.

Mary and Joseph were so happy to find Him. They all went back home to Nazareth together and Jesus grew up obeying Mary and Joseph.

Draw a line along the correct road on which Mary, Joseph and Jesus travelled home.



STORY 3: Getting ready for Jesus

This story is about John's message.



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Luke 3: 1-22

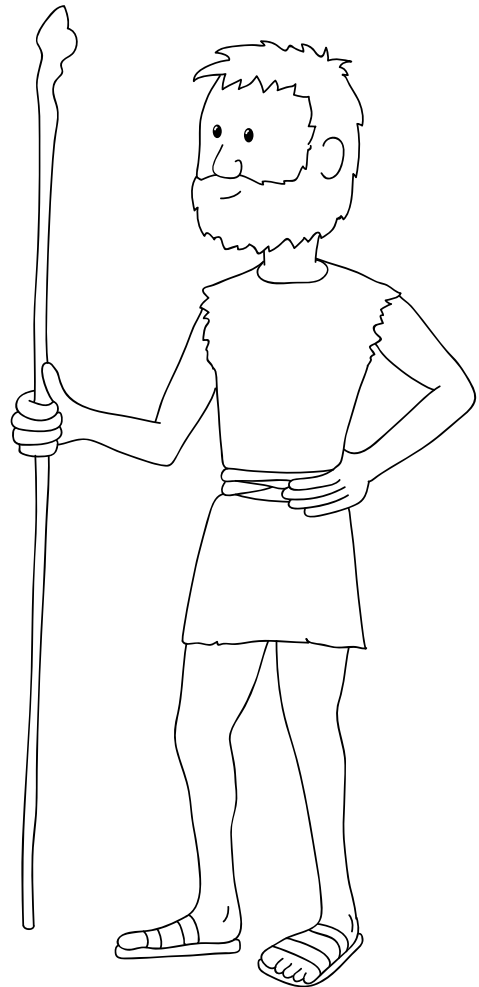
Adult Guidance - The Bible teaches that the things we do wrong (sin) hurt other people and make them sad, but most of all it makes God sad. Discuss some examples with the children. Explain that the words of the Key Verse below are in the Bible.

John was God's special messenger.

Lots of people gathered around him and he told them that Jesus was coming soon.

Everyone needed to get ready for Jesus by being sorry for doing wrong things.

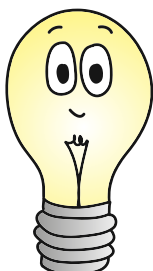
The Bible says that all of us need to say sorry to God for our sin.



Colour John's clothes brown.

Join the dots and learn the verse.

Ask God to help you
say "No" to sin!



"all have
sinned..."

Romans 3: 23

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STORY 4: Jesus meets John

This story is about Jesus pleasing God.



READ:
Luke 3: 1-22

Adult Guidance - Talk about how Jesus never did anything wrong and how this makes Him very special. He always wanted to please God, His Heavenly Father. Link this with Story 2 about obeying and pleasing parents.

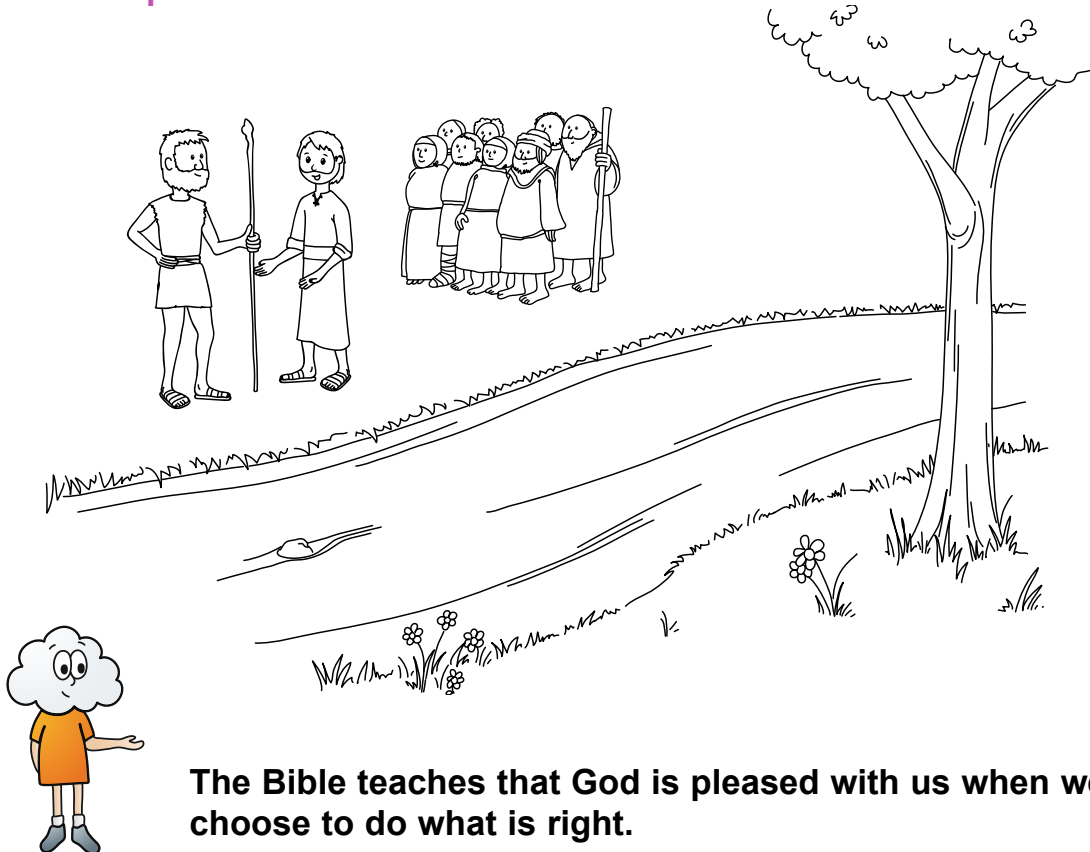
One day John saw Jesus coming to the River Jordan.

John knew that Jesus had not sinned and didn't need to be sorry like other people.

Then God spoke from Heaven.

He said how much He loved His Son and that He was pleased with Him.

Colour the picture of John and Jesus.



The Bible teaches that God is pleased with us when we choose to do what is right.

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