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***SIMEON AND ANNA:
THE BABY IN THE TEMPLE***

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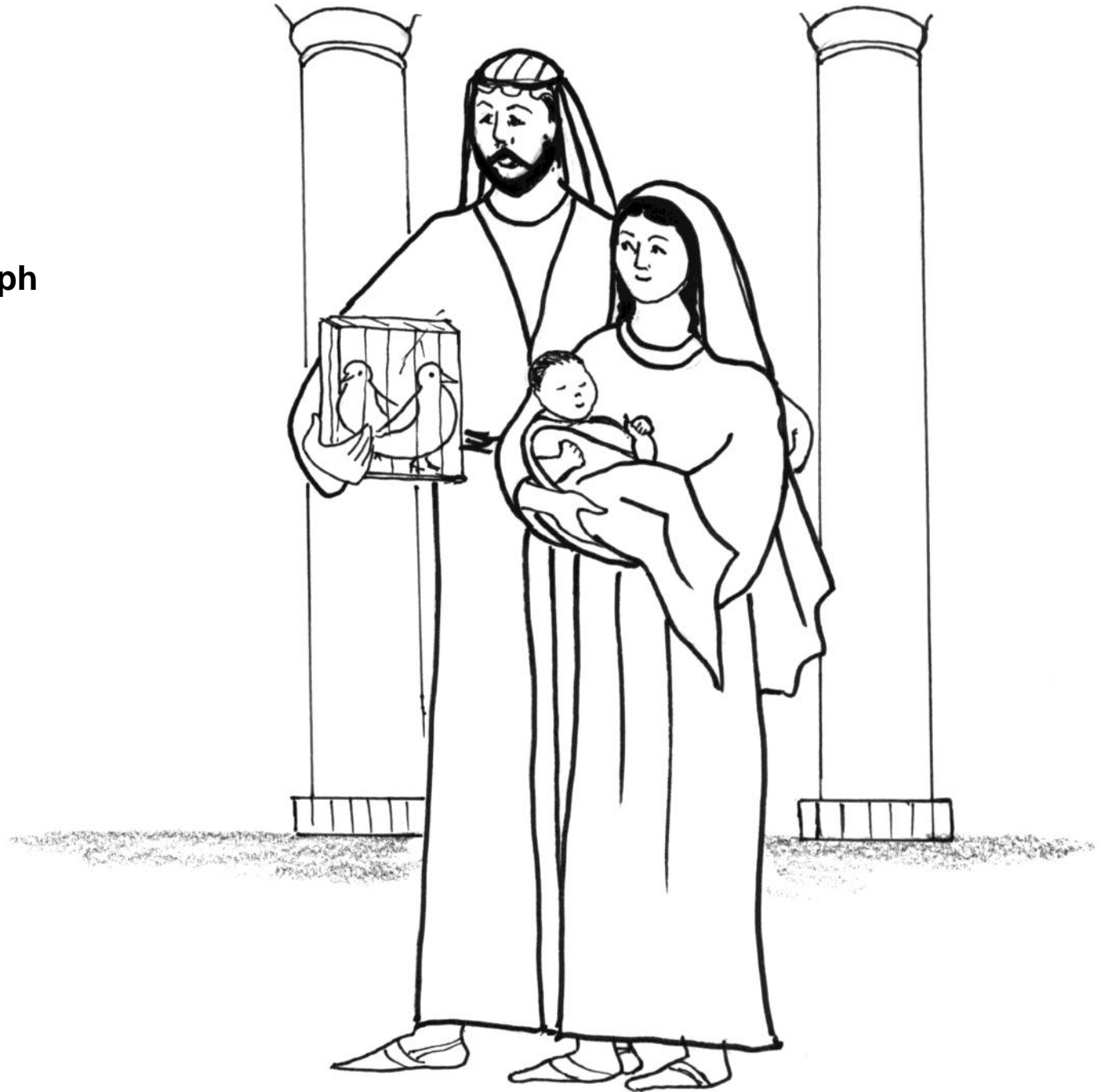
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**When Mary's baby was eight days old they gave Him the name of 'Jesus'.
The angel had told Mary and Joseph to give Him this name.**



A little later Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple to give Him to the Lord.

They also took two doves for a sacrifice.



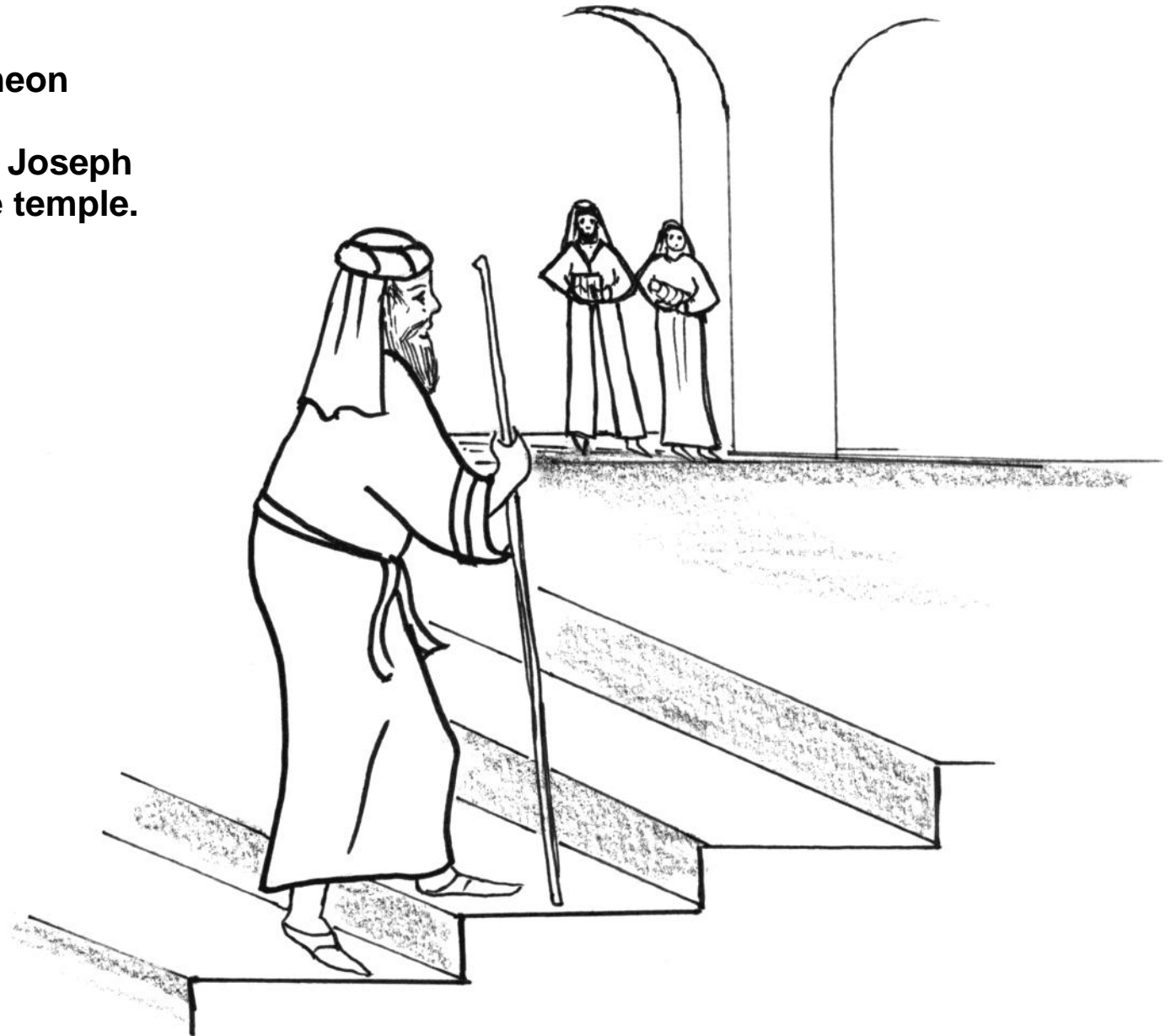
**At the temple lived an old prophet.
His name was Simeon.**

**God had said to him,
'You will not die until
you have seen the Lord's Messiah.'**

**He was really keen to see the One
God was sending.**



**The Holy Spirit guided Simeon
into the temple,
at the same time Mary and Joseph
were bringing Jesus to the temple.**

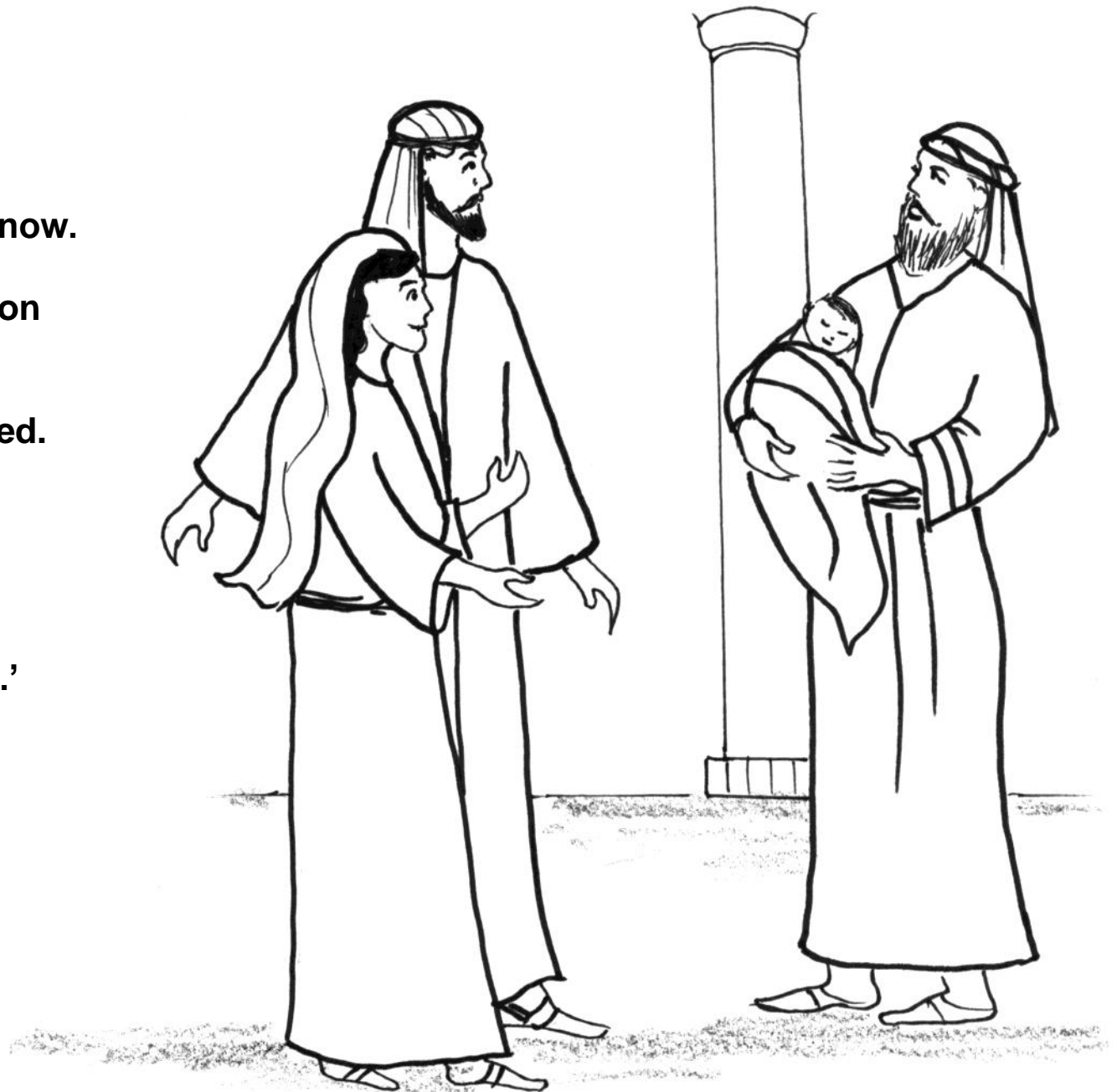


**When Simeon saw the baby
he took Him in his arms.**

**He praised God, saying
'You can let me die in peace now.
I have seen the Messiah,
the One who will give salvation
to those who believe.'**

Mary and Joseph were amazed.

**Simeon blessed
Mary and Joseph and said,
'Some people will believe
in Jesus and be saved.
Some people will not believe.'**



**Anna, a prophetess,
who came to the temple every day
to worship God,
was also waiting for
the promised Messiah to come.**

**When she saw baby Jesus,
God's Son,
she was so happy,
she praised God
and told everyone that
He was the promised Messiah.**

