L.O. to read and understand the Nunc dimittis.

Week 4
Week Beginning 25th January 2021



The Song of Simeon

Living in Jerusalem at that time was a very holy man, a man whom the Lord had spoken to directly. His name was Simeon, and he was very old, but the Lord had told him that he would not die until he had seen the Christ, or Saviour, whose coming had been predicted in the Bible.

One day the Spirit of the Lord urged Simeon to go to the Temple. He went, and was there when Joseph and Mary came with the baby Jesus, to present their offering. When Simeon saw the child, the Lord let him know that this was the Christ who had been promised. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and gave thanks to the Lord for letting him see the Christ:

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations, a light for revelation to the gentiles, and the glory of your people, Israel."

Then Simeon blessed Joseph and Mary. He also told Mary some of the things the future would hold, for her son and for her. He told her of the greatness her son would attain, but he added that sorrow, like a sword, would pierce her heart.

Task: What do the highlighted words tell us about Simeon?

Nunc dimittis

The Nunc dimittis; also known as the Song of Simeon or the Canticle of Simeon, it is a canticle taken from the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke, verses 29-32. Its Latin name comes from, the opening words, of the translation of the passage, meaning "Now you dismiss".



Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations, a light for revelation to the gentiles, and the glory of your people, Israel."

Luke 2: 29-32

Who is he saying the Prayer to, and what is he saying about the child Jesus?

What title does Simeon give to God?

What does the word "Salvation" mean?

What does the word "Glory" mean?

What do you think Simeon meant when he described Jesus as the "Light of the Nations?"



L.O. to explore the idea that Jesus is the fulfilment of all that God promised Abraham and his descendants.



Lesson 2

Can you remember what God promised Abraham?

How do you think Jesus fulfils these promises?

Descendants

- We are all members of God's Family, through our Baptism
- Think of how many Christians there are in the world, now, in the past and in the future: as many as stars in the sky…

The Promised Land

- What is the promised land?
- How do we inherit it?



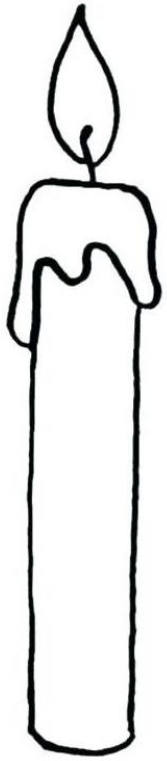
Blessings

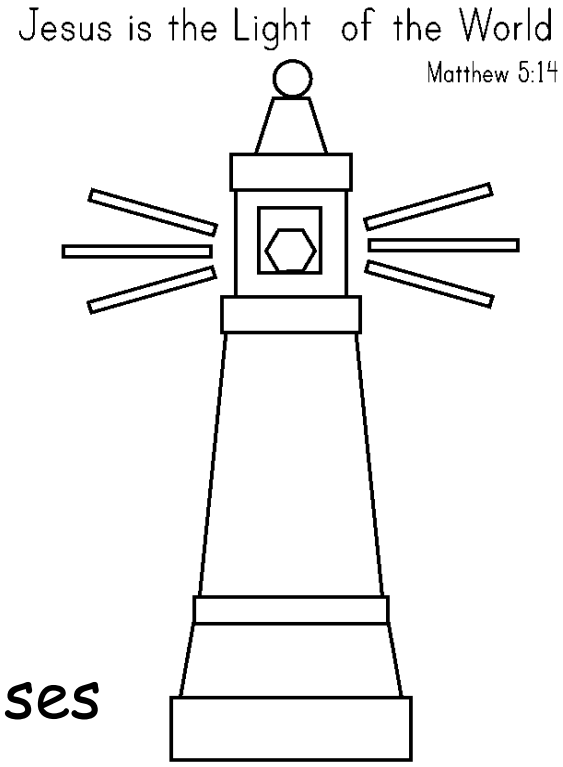
- We get all the blessings of God through Jesus.
- We meet God in prayer
- We know him through reading the Bible
- We gain God's blessings at Mass and in all the sacraments

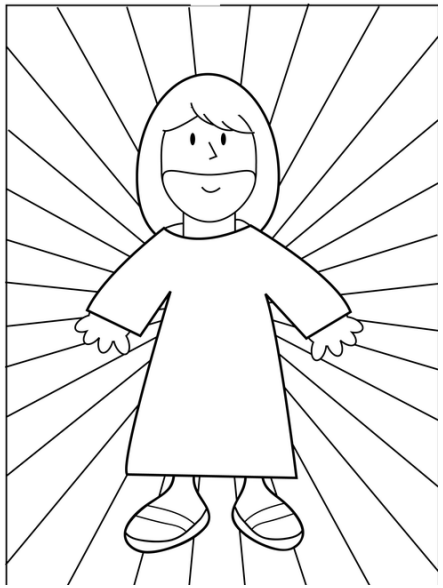
Task:

create a poster illustrating how Jesus is the final fulfilment of God's promise/Covenant.









Task:

Here are some ideas for your poster pictures.
Remember you must include the 3 promises God made and fulfilled.