



**Bible Study Guide For All Ages**

**Remember It?** Match.

\_\_\_ Joseph \_\_\_ Zechariah \_\_\_ Matthew  
\_\_\_ angel \_\_\_ John \_\_\_ Judah

- A. My book's genealogy starts with Abraham
- B. I hated my brother
- C. I lived in the desert
- D. I married a pregnant woman
- E. "I bring you good news"
- F. I burned incense in the temple

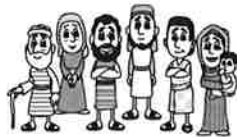
Answers: A) Mt 1:2 B) Gen 37:4, 26 C) Lk 1:63, 80 D) Mt 1:20 E) Lk 2:10 F) Lk 1:8-9

**Memory Workout**

- Name the first five New Testament books.
- Review the Genesis, Daniel, Matthew and Luke Bible Book Summary Cards.

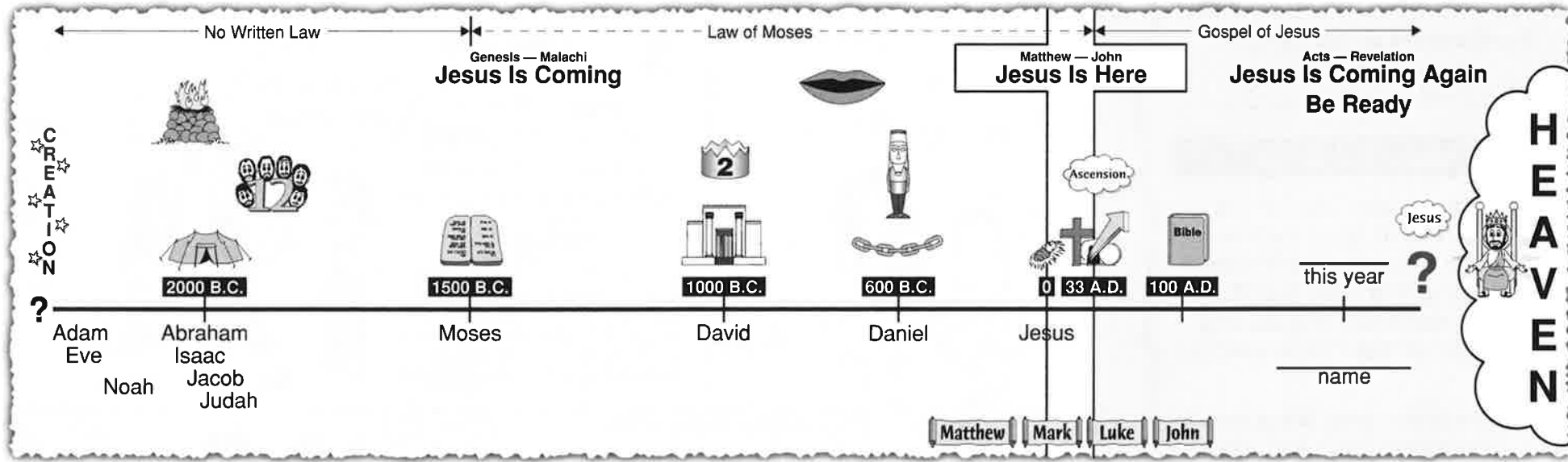
**Guess What...**

Jacob's twelve sons became the twelve tribes of Israel. The word **Jews** came from the Israelite tribe of Judah. By New Testament times, all descendants of Jacob (the Israelites) were called Jews.



**Incense** is a powder that, when burned, gives off a pleasant smell. **Myrrh** is a sweet-smelling sap that comes out of a certain kind of tree. People would put it on their skin or use it to make a place smell nice.

The Bible doesn't say how many Magi ("wise men") visited Jesus.



**Time Line**

- The story of Jesus is told in four books. Circle them.
- God promised Abraham that the whole world would be blessed through him. Jesus lived on earth \_\_\_\_\_ years after Abraham lived. David prophesied about Jesus. David lived about \_\_\_\_\_ years before Jesus was born.
- The Bible was written over a period of about 1,600 years. Moses began writing down the laws for the Israelites about 1500 B.C. Draw a book near 1500 B.C. The Bible was finished by about 100 A.D. Circle the book near 100 A.D.
- King Solomon, David's son, built the first temple. Label him.
- Write an **A** for Anna and an **S** for Simeon on the time line.

**Get Active**

Imagine that Simeon is a teenager in your town. Simeon is "righteous and devout." (Devout means he is devoted to God and works hard to do God's will.) Divide into groups of two to four and make up a *silent* (no talking!) skit showing how you think Simeon would act.

Perform your silent skits.

**Apply It!**

- Read Luke 2:25. How is Simeon described? What do you think Simeon was like? What do you think he did?
  - What is God saying to you for your life? Answer using the word "I" or "me."
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- Are you devout (devoted to God)? How does it show in your life? Read Matthew 6:24. Do you ever try to serve two masters? How can you show your devotion to God?
  - Talk to God about what he has taught you in this lesson.

### Purification at the Temple; Wise Men Visit

Luke 2:21-38; Matthew 2:1-12

### Discover the Bible

*Teacher: Paraphrase Luke 2:21-24.*  
 1. Circle the day of Jesus' earthly life when he was circumcised and named. Shade the kind of animals that Mary and Joseph sacrificed. Why did they choose these animals? Read Leviticus 12:7b-8.

2. Read the Bible verse. **What** does it mean to be righteous? In each blank, write an **S** if the words go with Simeon and an **A** if the words go with Anna.

3. Fill in all the blanks.

*Teacher: Paraphrase Matthew 2:3-6.*  
 4. Below the king, draw a crown around his name. Draw a box around the name of the town and the part of Israel where a prophet said Jesus would be born. Read Micah 5:2. The prophet Micah lived 700 years before Jesus was born.

5. Mark out each word that does *not* belong and write the correct word above it.

6. On the packages, name the gifts the Magi gave Jesus.

7. In your own words, write what the Magi dreamed. Circle the direction the Magi had to travel to get home. (See Matthew 2:2, if you get stuck.)

**1** 1st 2nd 3rd **Lk 2:21-24**  
 4th **DAY** 5th  
 6th 7th 8th 9th



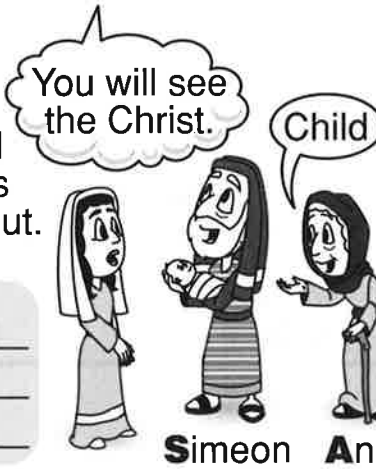
**2** **Luke 2:25**  
 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout.

**What?**

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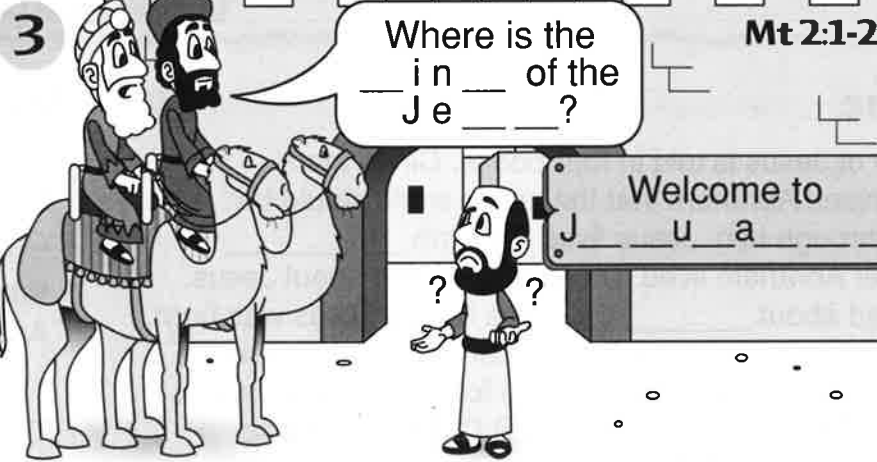


**Simeon Anna**

- "God, now I'm ready to die."
- prophetess
- worshiped night and day
- 84 years old
- "I have seen your salvation."

**Lk 2:25-38**

- widow
- "This child will be spoken against."
- "A sword will pierce your soul."
- Holy Spirit upon me.



**Mt 2:1-2**



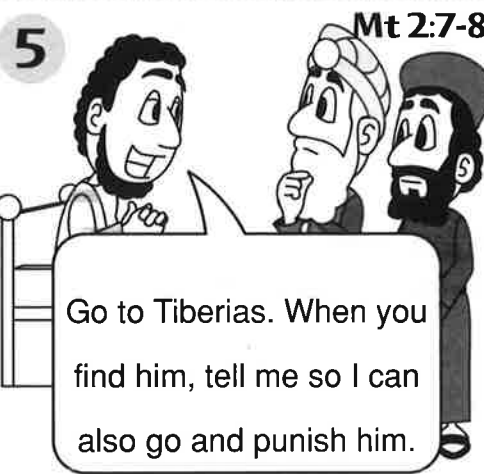
**Saul Herod Hadrian Solomon**



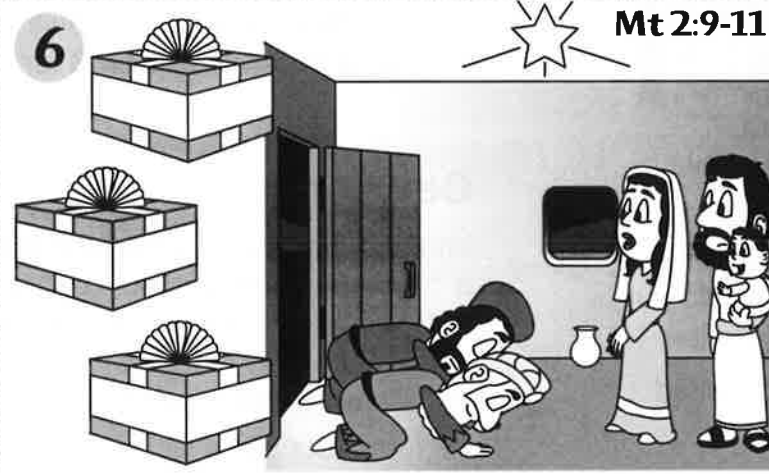
Where is the Christ supposed to be born?

**Mt 2:3-6**

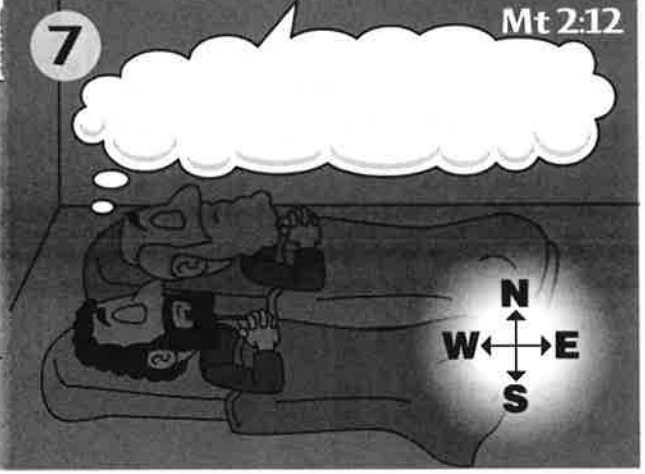
Nazareth	Ninevah
Bethel	Bethlehem
Paris	
Judea	Samaria
Galilee	



Go to Tiberias. When you find him, tell me so I can also go and punish him.



**Mt 2:9-11**



**Mt 2:12**