

WEEK 5

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



BIG IDEA

Jesus is God's gift to the world.

BIBLE

Simeon and Anna Meet Jesus:
Luke 2:22–40; 2 Corinthians 9:6–15

QUESTIONS

- **Which two people did Mary and Joseph meet at the temple?** *Simeon and Anna.*
- **What are some things they said about Jesus?** *Jesus would be the salvation Israel had been waiting for. Some would oppose Jesus later. They thanked God for him.*
- **Why do you think God arranged for Simeon and Anna to meet baby Jesus?** *To show that God keeps promises. To give hope to God's people. To help spread the good news about the savior. To remind Mary and Joseph who Jesus was.*
- **Read 2 Corinthians 9:7. What can you do to practice being a "cheerful giver"?**
- **How is Jesus a gift?**
- **What can you do to share this gift with others?**
- **In response to the gift of Jesus, what goals do you have for living generously this upcoming new year?**

ACTIVITY

Have kids make a globe using colored air-dry modeling clay. Have them glue it to inside of the lid of a mini mason jar or baby food jar. Then have them put pom poms, confetti, and glitter in the jar. Close the jar and turn it upside down to create a snow globe. (If you want to make it an actual snow globe filled with water and glycerine, use waterproof glue and polymer clay.) Give kids a piece of thin masking tape to write the Big Idea and run it across the rim of the lid. (**Scan QR code** for a worked example.)



This can be a great keepsake to remember your *Christmas Vacation!* Put it someplace to remind you that **Jesus is God's gift to the world.** Better yet, why not gift it to someone who could use the reminder, too?

MEMORY VERSE: "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world." — John 1:9 (NIV)

Scan the code for a memory verse sign language tutorial video you can share with your families and volunteers!

