For Parents!

I Will Be Patient!

From Professor Playtime's Christmas Shop of Wonders Jr.
Lesson 5

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - PATIENCE
Great leaders don't have to have everything right now. They are content to wait for the appropriate time.

LEADERSHIP LESSON
Your children will learn that they should be patient when they have to wait.

LEADERSHIP STORY
Simeon waits to meet Jesus. *(Luke 2: 25 - 35)*

WHAT DO I DO?
First:
Read the Leadership Story to your children. The Leadership Story for this lesson is about Simeon waiting to meet Jesus in Luke 2: 25-35.

Next:
Have your children watch the Leadership Video, *I Will Be Patient.*

Then:
Complete the Child Leadership Questions, and lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: WAITING CHAIN

For this activity, you will need paper that has been cut into strips and some scotch tape. Talk to your family about an upcoming event (pick one that is within the next month). Look at a calendar and figure out how many day are left before the event. Then, make a paper chain with the same amount of links as there are days left before the event. *(Example: Grandma's birthday party is in 15 days so you will need 15 links on the chain.)*

Each day, take one of the links off the chain and count how many are left. After you have counted them have everyone in the family repeat, "I Will Be Patient!" Each day give an example of something you have to wait for *(Example: I have to wait for my favorite TV show to come on each week. I have to wait till after dinner before I can eat my favorite snack, etc.)* Explain that there will always be things in life that we have to wait for. God wants us to be patient and not complain or get angry when we have to wait. Simeon waited a long time to meet Jesus, and in our lives, we will wait for things, too. Be like Simeon and be patient when you have to wait.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your children memorize this verse.
"...the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world."

1 John 4:14b (NLT)

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Main Point: I Will Be Patient

Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *I Will Be Patient*

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Child Leadership Questions:

1. In the skit, Holly was impatient to leave the store. Why?
   (She wanted to go to a party and get the corner piece of cake.)

2. In the Leadership Story, we learned about a man who had great patience. His name was Simeon. Simeon was patiently waiting for a promise from God. Who was Simeon waiting to see?
   (Jesus.)

3. After waiting patiently, what did Simeon do when he met Jesus.
   (He took Jesus in his arms and praised God.)

4. Being patient paid off because Simeon was able to spend the day with Jesus at the temple. Do you think you can be patient like Simeon?
   (*Yes.)*

5. Let's talk about a time you should be patient. If you are really hungry and dinner isn't ready yet, how can you be patient?
   (Don't whine. Go find something to do until it's time to eat. Ask if I can help get dinner ready.)

Simeon had to wait a long time to meet Jesus, but he was patient. Because he was patient, he was able to spend time with Jesus. If you are patient, good things will happen for you, too!

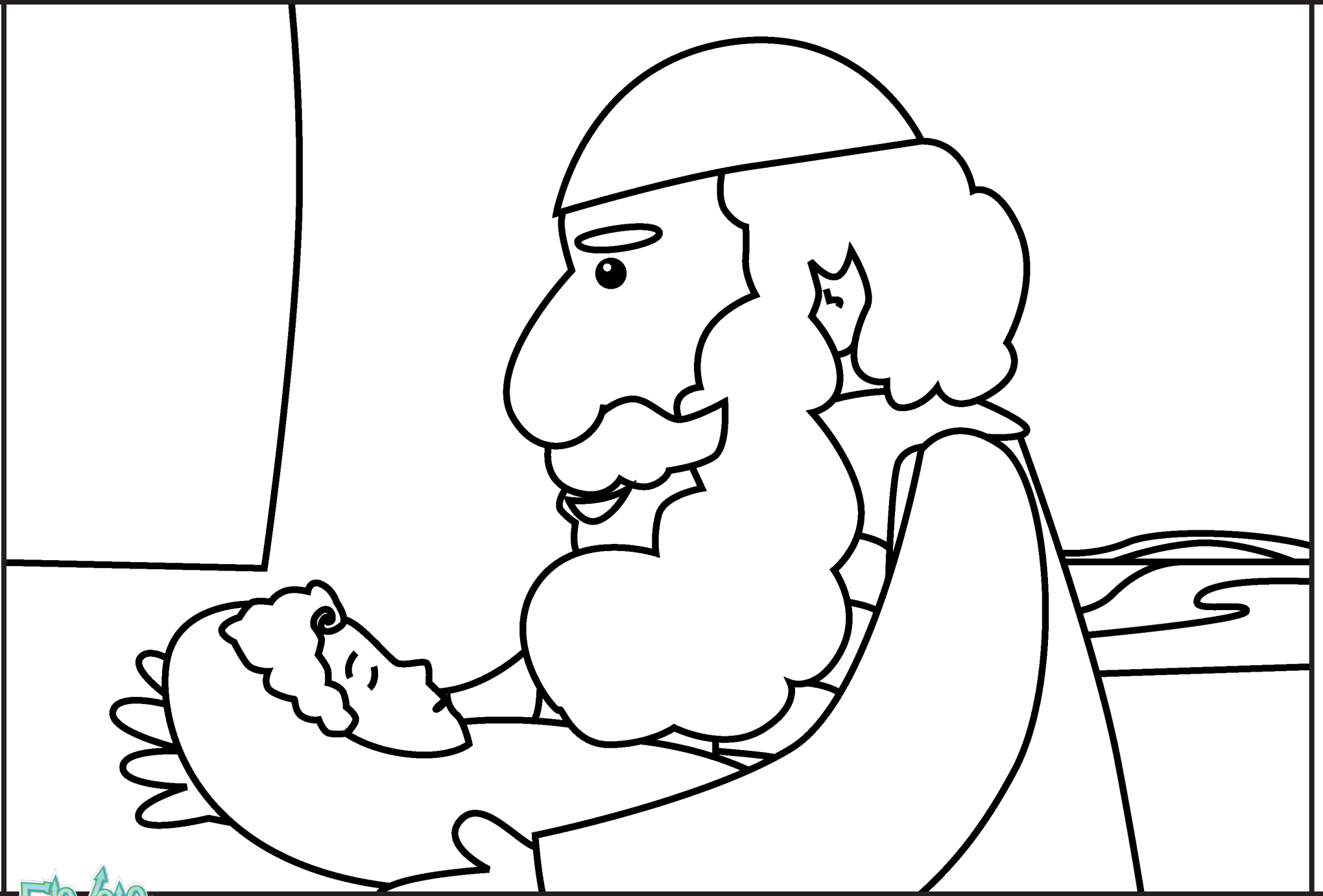
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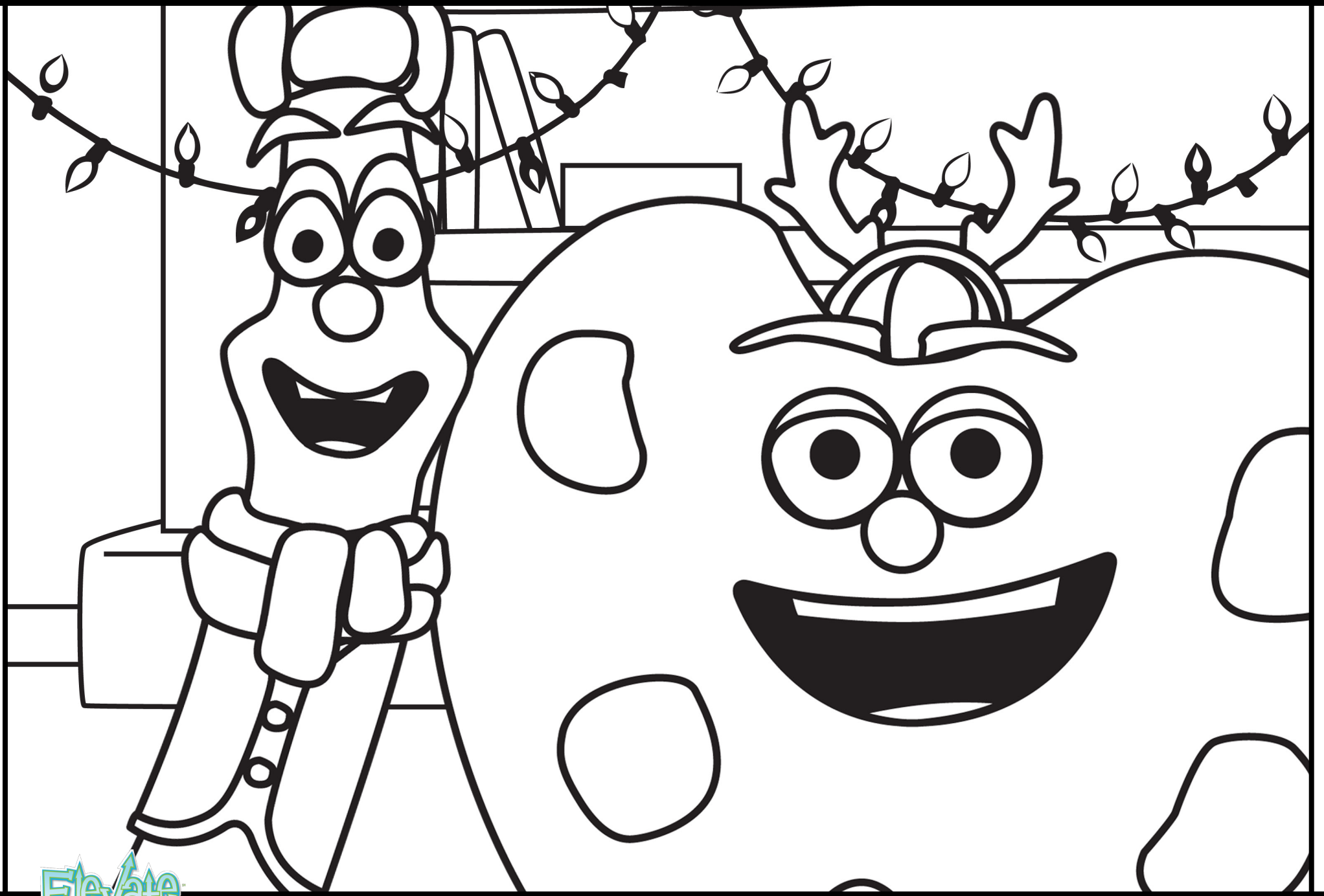
Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple . They met Simeon there. (Luke 2:25-35)

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Simeon waited a long time to meet Jesus. He was patient. (Luke 2:35-35)

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