

“What Does Jesus Look Like?”

Luke 2:22-40

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Barabas and Elizabeth are sitting at the Heffelfinger’s kitchen table using the art supplies that Barabas received for Christmas from his father in CA.

“What are you going to draw?” Elizabeth asked Barabas. “A picture of Jesus.” He answered. “I’ll draw one too!”

When Uncle Floyd came in he said “I reckon you must be artists at work here. What are you drawing?” “We are drawing pictures of Jesus,” said Elizabeth. “Would you like to join us?” “I reckon so.” So Uncle Floyd joined them at the table.



How would YOU draw Jesus? I bet we all have different pictures of him. Back when Jesus was born there was a lot of talk about what the Messiah would look like, because they knew he would be coming soon. Well, maybe not just about his LOOKS, but about what KIND of Messiah he would be. Some people thought he would be a King. Others thought he would be a Military Leader.

When Jesus was just 8 days old Mary and Joseph took him to the temple in Jerusalem, just like all the other parents did. At the temple, the religious leaders were looking for him. Some thought he might ride in on a big horse like a war hero. Some thought he might come in wearing a crown. But of course, that is not the way Jesus first entered the temple, because he was only a tiny baby! (Hold up a baby Jesus figure)

Simeon was an old man who lived in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit had told him that HE, Simeon, would get to see the Messiah before he died. Simeon was at the Temple when Mary and Joseph brought tiny baby Jesus in and immediately Simeon KNEW this baby was the Messiah. Not on a horse, not with a crown, just a tiny ordinary looking baby. But he KNEW!

Not only Simeon knew, but there was also an old, old woman named Anna who lived at the temple since her husband had died. And when Anna saw the baby Jesus she ALSO recognized Him as the Messiah!

Isn’t it interesting that Simeon and Anna recognized baby Jesus as the Messiah, but all the important religious leaders did NOT notice. Hmmm!

Barabas and Elizabeth and Uncle Floyd all finished their drawings about the same time.

“Can I show mine first?” asked Elizabeth. Here is her drawing. It is a picture of baby Jesus in the manger. “Very nice.” Said Uncle Floyd.



Barabas showed his next. Here is his drawing. It is a picture of Jesus on the cross. It is called a crucifix.



“Oh!” said Elizabeth. “I didn’t even think of drawing that. You are a good artist Barabas.” “I reckon you are son!” said Uncle Floyd.

“What did you draw?” Barabas and Elizabeth said in unison to Uncle Floyd. Elizabeth and Barabas were surprised to see what he drew! Here it is! A drawing of them!



“You must have been confused Uncle Floyd,” laughed Elizabeth. “You were supposed to draw Jesus!”

“I reckon I did,” said Uncle Floyd. “I reckon I see Jesus in the folks around me.”

Uncle Floyd knows that Christ is present in each of us, so each of us can look like Jesus! On your activity sheet today YOU can draw a picture of Jesus! THE END