

Luke 2: 25-33 – Simeon



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White bead – for the angel who told Mary and Joseph that Jesus would be born
 Brown bead – for the people of the past who shared news that God would send Jesus
 Yellow bead or star shape – for the star that shone over the stable
 Red bead – a reminder that Jesus loves us and died for us
 Black bead – to remind us that the world has bad things like fighting and sadness and greed and loneliness
 Silvery bead – to remind us that Jesus is like God's light in the darkness, our hope.
 Gold bead – to remind us that Jesus is an incredible, indescribable gift from God



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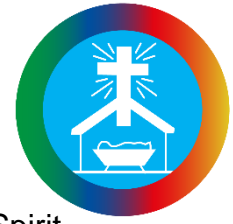


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²⁹ “Now, Lord, you can let me, your servant,
die in peace as you said.

³⁰ I have seen your Salvation^[a] with my own eyes.

³¹ You prepared him before all people.

³² He is a light for the non-Jewish people to see.
He will bring honor to your people, the Israelites.”

³³ Jesus' father and mother were amazed at what Simeon had said about him.

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