Lesson 11 God, in Our Neighborhood

2. [Wednesday’s lesson] Consider the ways in which people in your surroundings ____ Jesus’ birth. Think of three ways you can personally help others this week to focus on the true meaning of the holidays.

5. There were ____ people there, however, who did recognize Jesus. One of them, Simeon, held Jesus up and said, “This Child has been born to bring us salvation and many in Israel will accept Him as the Messiah but many others will reject Him. In doing so they will show what’s really in their hearts” (Luke 2:34, 35, Clear Word).

6. The next morning they spread the word all through ____. “Guess what! We saw the Baby! The angel appeared to us and said that He was born last night in the city of Bethlehem. We went to see Him for ourselves. He’s lying in a manger, wrapped in cloths! He’s the one we’ve been looking for!” they shouted.

8. [Tuesday’s lesson] Read Luke 2:21-40. From old magazines and newspapers, clip pictures of babies and make a collage that expresses for you what it meant for Jesus to come to this earth as an infant. Place the collage somewhere in your room to serve as a reminder of the central meaning of the ____ season.

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11. Then, when the time came (about 40 days after His birth), Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem for dedication and to offer a sacrifice. There, the priest took the child and laid Him on the _____. Then he recorded the name “Jesus” in the book where the names of every firstborn son were written.

12. When the ____ arrived at Bethlehem, they soon found Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, just as the angel had described them. What a sight! There in an animal shelter, in a feeding trough stuffed with hay, lay the most precious baby ever to be born.

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