

CANDLEMAS ACTIVITIES

The following links and activity suggestions have been put together by Rev Mary Hawes who is the Church of England's National Children and Youth Advisor.

This week we're looking at one of my favourite stories in the Bible - it's Luke 2:22-40. It's about when Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to the Temple and meet two elderly people, Simeon and Anna. They instantly know that this is a special baby - God's promised Messiah who will be the light of the world. We call it Candlemas - you can find out why here: <http://projectbritain.com/year/candlemas.html>

Feel free to use the ideas in any way that suits your family, but you might like to:

1. Go on a lightbulb hunt. How many lights do you have in your home? Why are they important?
2. Share the story of Anna and Simeon - you could either watch the video or find it in a Bible story book.
3. Talk about how Jesus' light shows us the way to God and the way to live as you colour in the attached picture or complete one of the crafts.
4. If you have time, make a Christingle.
5. Finish by saying a prayer asking Jesus to help us be like lights who also show the way to God, and then say the Lord's Prayer together.

You can watch a video telling the story of Simeon and Anna by following this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leN-xNrjbo>

You will find lots of Candlemas crafts and activities

here <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/Candlemas>

Turn a jar into a light – follow this link

<https://mcgrathblog.nd.edu/diy-stained-glass-luminaries-to-celebrate-candlemas>

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