

Worship 2 Go

Drawing School and Home Together

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Simeon and Anna

Bible Reading

Simeon and Anna were very old and were waiting to see the rescuer of God's people. They spent lots of time in the temple. One day, they met Jesus when Mary and Joseph brought him to the temple 40 days after he was born. Simeon took Jesus in his arms, praising God for the child who he recognised as the light of the world. Anna, also began thanking God for Jesus and told lots of other people about him.

You can find this in the Bible, in the book of Luke , chapter 2, verse 25-38

Younger children might enjoy this video <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zmjxn39>

On February 2 we remember that Simeon and Anna met Jesus . This season is also called Candlemas because sometimes in churches, a blessing is prayed over the candles which will be used in the church over the year as a symbol of the light Jesus brings into the world. It's a great time of year to think about finding light wherever we can.

Prayer

Dear God,
thank you for the example of Simeon and Anna who waited and trusted in you. Please help each of us to do the same and to bring your light to others in this world. Amen

Wondering

- I wonder if you are good at waiting
- I wonder if you are waiting for something special
- I wonder where you could bring light to the world

Creative Prayer 1 ≈ CD - reflect the light of Jesus

You will need an old CD or DVD (everyone should check with each other that it really is done with!) or you can use foil stuck to a circle of card; pieces of string or yarn; felt tips; a torch or other light source.



Jesus was the one who came to bring light to the dark places of the world- to help people to feel less afraid and to give them hope. This is what Simeon saw in the baby Jesus who Mary and Joseph had brought to the temple. I wonder if you can think of ways we might be able to do this too? Take a CD and draw or write on the shiny side, patterns or things that represent you but leave some of the shiny side visible! Hang the CD from thread or yarn and shine torches or lamps onto the shiny side. Watch the reflection projected onto the wall or ceiling. Pray you will be able to reflect the light of Jesus in the world, especially in this time of waiting.

Creative Prayer 1 ≈ Rainfall Reflection Prayers

Simeon and Anna patiently waited a long time to see Jesus as a baby. While they waited they thought about God's word and prayed. How good are you at being patient and waiting?

At the moment we are all waiting for something - use this prayer activity to reflect on the time now and think about the things we are thankful for, the things we are sorry for and what we need God's help with.

For this prayer activity you will need a cup, mug or plastic cup. If it is very rainy you could even use a bucket. When it starts to rain, put your container outside in a good place to catch the falling rain. Then wait patiently for it to fill, how long do you think it will take?

Set times to go and check your container, to see how full it is. As you look at the water in the container, talk to God and reflect on the things you are thankful for, sorry for and would like to ask God's help with. When the container is full, take a moment think about what you have said in this time of waiting, then pour the water away letting your prayers flow to God.



Activity 2 ≈ Jump for joy

Anna and Simeon were very happy to see Jesus after waiting so long—it was years and years! Here's a game you can play. You need at least one other person to play it with. Pick a start and end spot. For example, on a walk you might pick from one lamppost to the next or if you are in your yard, the backdoor to the fence. Stand in a line on the starting point and someone is chosen to be the leader. When the leader shouts 'Joy', with both feet together, make a jump forward. If the leader shouts 'Wait', just stand still. The winner is the person who gets to the end point first. Then someone else can be the leader. Have fun!



Activity 2 ≈ Shadow drawings

You will need paper and a pencil; felt tips or paints. Set yourself up near a light source which can make shadows – this might be through a patterned curtain or by setting an object in front of a window. The aim is to set the paper in a place where a shadow falls onto it. Trace the light and shadow shapes with a pencil or pen and then colour them in if you would like to.

Do you get interesting shapes? Does it look like the object? Does it remind you of any other style of art?

If there is a sunny day and you have some chalk, you might be able to go outside and trace the shadow of your body on the pavement.



Fact of the week

Sunlight is made up of different colours but *blue* light is scattered more than other colours because it travels as shorter, smaller waves. This is why the sky looks blue.

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