



Children's Worship



A Getting Ready Prayer

God, as we get ready to be with you,
Open our ears to listen to you
(touch your ears)

Open our minds to help us think about you.
(put your hands on your head)

Open our eyes to see you in the world around us.
(point to your eyes)

Open our hearts to love you more.
(cross your hands over your chest)
And open our hands to help each other.
(open out arms and hands wide)

Amen.

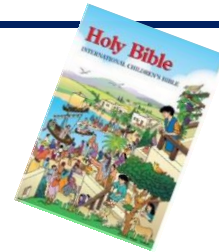
Time to think...

- + I wonder have you ever had to wait a long time for something. What's it like to wait for something for a long time? How do you feel when it finally arrives?
- + There is a story by Dr Seuss called "Horton Hatches the Egg", have you read it?
- + It is a wonderful story about an elephant named Horton.
- + The story begins with a lazy bird named Mayzie sitting on her egg in a tree. Sitting on the egg was tiresome and boring and Mayzie hated it. "I'd take a vacation, fly off for a rest if I could find someone to stay on my nest!" said Mayzie.
- + That's when Horton walked by. Mayzie asked Horton if he would sit on her egg while she took a little rest.
- + Horton objected at first, but Mayzie promised that she would not be gone long, so Horton finally agreed and soon he was sitting on the nest while Mayzie flew off to go on holiday.
- + Mayzie had such fun that she decided she would never return to her nest.

- ✚ Days turned into weeks and weeks turned into months, but Horton kept sitting there, day after day. Winter came and icicles hung from Horton's trunk and his feet, but still he remained faithful to his promise to Mayzie.
- ✚ "I'll stay on this egg and I won't let it freeze," he said with a sneeze. "I meant what I said and I said what I meant. An elephant is faithful, 100%."
- ✚ Now, I don't know if elephants are really faithful 100% or not, but I know someone who is.
- ✚ God is faithful, 100%!
- ✚ In Gospel story today we hear about a man named Simeon and a lady named Anna, who stayed faithful to God and God kept his promise to him...

Sunday 31st January 2021

Candlemas



Tell the story...

Here are ways you could do this:

- ✚ Read Luke 2: 22-40 in a children's Bible.
- ✚ Read 'Simeon and Anna' Pg 127 'The Big Bible Storybook' by SPCK
- ✚ Watch the story on Saddleback Kids or on God's Story...

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

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Talk Together...

CANDLEMAS - Forty days after birth, Jesus is brought by his parents, Mary and Joseph, to the temple, as the Law required. The 40 days falls on Feb 2nd, traditionally known as Candlemas, but we remember and celebrate this event this Sunday. Only Luke records the event, and the encounter with Simeon and Anna.

- ✚ Simeon and Anna were very old and had faithfully served God all of their lives.
- ✚ They were looking forward to the coming of the Messiah.
- ✚ God had promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Christ, the promised Messiah.
- ✚ A few days after the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple to dedicate him to God.

- + Simeon was in the temple. As soon as Simeon saw the baby, he knew that Jesus was the Christ and that God had kept his promise that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. Anna knew this was a special baby!
- + God is faithful to his promises, 100%!
- + Many of us will make promises to God about things that we will do.
- + Many times they are promises made, but never kept.
- + If God is faithful to keep his promises to us, don't you think that it is important for us to keep our promises to him?
- + Let's see if we can be like Simeon and Anna, faithfully serve God and as we make our promises to God, let us say, like Horton, "I meant what I said and I said what I meant. I'll be faithful to God, 100%."



Sing Together... (or listen)

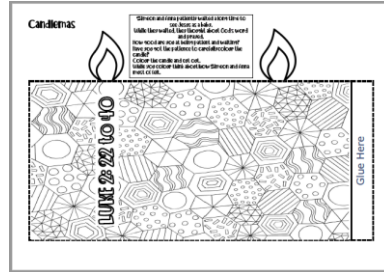
- + Light of the World - Cave Quest
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eI302Av7vSI>

Make Together...

- + Use cardboard, paper, pens, paints, paper plate/bowl, tissue paper, string, foam, magazines, newspapers, lollipop sticks, sticks, wool, toilet roll tubes or whatever you have in the house to make...
- + Make a contemplation jar... watch and wait while the glitter settles.



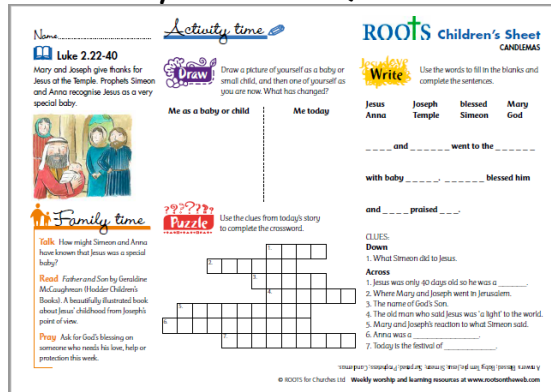
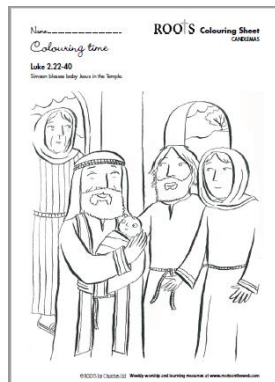
- ✚ Make a patience Candlemas Candle - spend some time quietly colouring in the candle. As you do so, think about Simeon and Anna and what it means to wait. You might like to spend some time talking to God about these things just in your mind. The candle can be cut out and glued into a candle shape and placed somewhere to remind you that God is with us in our waiting. (on the team website). Or make a candle...



- ✚ Make a biscuit candle or bake something...



- ✚ Complete the colouring and Activity sheets... (on the team website)



Play Together...

Waiting Game - Sleeping Lions

- ✚ One person will be the Spotter.
- ✚ Have everyone else lie down on the floor in **sleeping** positions.
- ✚ Once they're down, they can't move.
- ✚ Have the designated "Spotter" walk through the room and try to make the **sleeping lions** move by making them laugh, telling them jokes, and so on.
- ✚ Who will have the focus to lie patiently and wait and not break like Simeon.

Remember together... (memory verse)

"He is a light for people to see.
He will bring honour to your people."

Luke 2: 32

Pray Together...

Dear Father God,
thank you that Simeon and Anna
recognised Jesus as a special baby,
and knew He would grow up
to do your special work.
Help us to discover who He is,
and how He are special.
Amen.

Don't forget...

- ✚ Whatever you create, share it on our churches FB pages; tag us in so everyone can see. Turton Moorland Team Page @TMOTP (FB)
- ✚ You could also send it to stmaxentiusonline@gmail.com and I will send them on to Revd Peter our Team Rector, then they can be shared in the online weekly.
- ✚ For more activities and links go to our Turton Moorland Team website - Children's Resources - <https://turtonmoorlandteam.co.uk/turton-youth-church/#childrens-resources>