

## Sunday Club – 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020

The following is one way of delivering this session with children.

### Opening activity

Put out a packet of letter tiles from a Scrabble like game.

Explain that your child(ren) has 30 seconds to make as many names of older people they know. When the 30 seconds is over, count how many names they managed to make, and allow the next child or yourself to have a go.

### Opening prayer – Father

Father,  
we have come to be with you.  
Jesus,  
we have come to learn from you.  
Spirit,  
we have come to listen to you.  
Holy God, be with us now.

**Amen.**

### Open the Word: Open the Bible at Luke 2.22-40

Mary and Joseph take the baby Jesus to the Temple where two elderly people bless him.

[Luke 2.22-40 ICB - Jesus Is Presented in the Temple - The - Bible Gateway](#)

Bless the baby

Give your child(ren) a baby doll/cuddly toy wrapped in blankets to represent Jesus and to hold like Mary and Joseph at the start of the passage. Start reading and, when you get to Simeon taking Jesus in his arms, ask the child(ren) holding the dolls to pass them on to someone else (which could be you!).

Continue reading until Anna comes into the story, then pass the babies on again to children representing Anna. At the end of the reading, pass the baby back to the child(ren) who originally held them at the beginning (if it is someone different).

Talk together:

- How do you think Simeon felt when he saw Jesus?
- Have you ever waited a long time for someone or something? What did the wait feel like?
- Are there older people who are important to you?

### Sing along

Sing a song together about today's Gospel story

Teach the children the following song lyrics about Simeon meeting baby Jesus, to be sung to the tune of 'Jack and Jill went up the hill'. Learn one line at a time to the tune, and then all join in singing together:

Mary and Joseph went up the hill  
to take the babe to the Temple,

There they met a man named Simeon  
Who took the baby so gentle.

Simeon said 'This child is light for all the Jews and Gentiles',  
Anna was glad, then the boy's mum and dad  
took him down the hill from the Temple.

### Craft Activity

Think about the older members of your family. Make them a Thinking of You or Happy New Year card to send them.

Praise Song: The Wise May Bring Their Learning (with lyrics) - Come and Praise Classic School Hymns - The Hymn Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kTrYZZoVQ8A>

Sing the lyrics!

### Closing Prayer: Lord, your faithful servants Anna and Simeon

Lord, your faithful servants Anna and Simeon  
had dreams and visions that sustained them into their old age.  
Enrich us all with visions and dreams that sustain us, from one decade to the next;  
so that our eyes might always be bright, with the life that we see all around.  
Send us out, today and all days,  
with this love, and this vocation.  
**Amen.**

Other ideas for family worship:

An alternative is provided by Hull minster (Luke 2.15-21)

<https://hullminster.org/family-resources>

Kid's Church (Luke 2:1-7). This is the Christmas Day edition which will reveal the final box if you have been following the series!

[Christmas Day | Christmas Presence 5 | All Age Church - YouTube](#)

Rochester Diocese Ministry at Home (Luke 2.1-14, 15-20)

[Ministry@Home Christmas Day.pdf](#)