

## Candlemas children's craft activities 2021

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### 'God bless you' cards (10 mins)

#### Encourage others with a special message

*You will need: coloured card, felt tips, stickers, sparkles, envelopes.*

Simeon blessed baby Jesus. That means he prayed for God's blessing on him. We can pray for God's blessing on people, too. It could be for someone who needs God's love, his help or protection, or to feel God's presence.

Ask the children to think of someone for whom they would like to pray God's blessing.

Invite them to make a card, saying **'God Bless You'**, and write a special message in the card.

They can give the card to the person and pray that God will bless them every day this week. Decide whether it is right to include the person's name during our sharing time at the end of the service.

### Baby Jesus grows up

#### Posters to illustrate Jesus as a child and a grown man

*You will need: two large sheets of coloured paper, small pieces of drawing paper, pens, pencils, crayons, scissors, glue sticks.*

Explain to the children that they are going to think about what Jesus did as a baby and a child, and the special things he did when he grew up.

Label one sheet 'Jesus as a child'. Talk together about the kind of things Jesus might have done as a baby and a child. Invite the children to draw or write down their ideas, cut them out and stick them on the poster.

Label the other sheet 'Jesus as a grown man'. Talk together about what special things Jesus did as a grown man. Invite everyone to draw or write down their ideas, cut them out and stick them on the poster.

Display the posters next to each other during our sharing time at the end of the service.

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