

## FAMILY RESOURCES

# LIGHTS

### THE GOSPEL READING FOR THIS WEEK IS Luke 2: 22-40

#### *This week's theme*

This week's theme is lights and we think about how Luke describes Jesus as being a light bringing salvation.

#### *Extracts from the Gospel passage (Luke 2: 29-32)*

Simeon took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,  
'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

#### *Gospel prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you bring light in darkness  
and hope in despair.  
Send your light into our lives,  
so we may live to praise your name;  
through time and through eternity.  
Amen.



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### *Things to think about*

- Think about lights you have seen.
- Which was the brightest?
- Do you light candles or have decorative lights at home?
- When are they lit?
- How do they make you feel?

### *Things to do*

- If you have empty glass jars why not have a go at turning them into **decorative tea light holders**? An easy way to do this is to glue small pieces of tissue paper on the outside of the jar using PVA glue. You could perhaps create checked or stripy patterns.
- Why not make a **cake** for Candlemas in the shape of a candle? You will need a swiss roll style cake placed vertically on a plate. Cover this with icing or buttercream and then use a long, thin biscuit to make the candle's wick and fondant icing as a flame.
- **Paper tea light holder.**

You will need: Paper or thin card, scissors, pencil, ruler, glue stick, battery operated tea light.



Fold one end of the paper about 1cm in from the edge. Fold the opposite end over so it touches the first fold. Now fold each new section in half leaving you with 4 wider sections and one narrow space.



Draw triangles on two opposite sections for the roof. You should be able to make 2 houses from each piece of paper.



Cut out your design. Now draw windows and doors on each wall.



Cut out the windows and doors.



Fold and crease each section and stick the narrow section inside its neighbour.

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Place your house over a battery operated tealight and watch the light through the windows.

These tea light holders can also be made using paper gift bags or even milk or juice cartons. Why not make a village scene!

**Important: Do not use live candles or tealights with your model. Always supervise children when lighting and looking at candles. Never leave flames unattended.**



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