

Festival: Candlemas ~ Light	Year Group: Foundation/Key Stage 1	No. of lessons: 2
Links: Cambs. CPE2, CFF1, CFF2, CFF3, CSC3 Pborough: CPE2, CRC1,CSC3, Nfolk: CKF, CLS, CW, CP		
<p>Learning objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ To consider the precious nature of babies ◆ To find out about some people who believed that Jesus was a special baby ◆ To become aware of Candlemas as a special day in the Church year ◆ To be able to reflect upon the meaning of Jesus as 'The Light of the World'. 		
<p>Questions for reflection:</p> <p>Why are babies special? For what sort of things do I have to wait? Does waiting for things change me? How could a person be like a light?</p>		
<p>Activities and experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Show the children a present to you from your "Great Aunt Gertrude" that has a label with instructions not to open it until ... (write the relevant time for your lesson) and set a timer to count down. Make a fuss until you can open the gift. ◆ Talk about waiting for things ~ what is hard about waiting? Is it ever good for us? ◆ Tell the story of Simeon and Anna from Luke's Gospel (<i>download the appropriate Resource Page for the story</i>) which shows how these two faithful old people had waited for many years to see this baby. They recognised him publicly as God's Son. ◆ Talk about Simeon's words, that Jesus is the light, (for Y1 this could link with last term's Christingles). Light a candle as you consider another phrase that describes Jesus as light (Light of the World). Why might Simeon have described Jesus as light? ◆ Children work in groups to produce art work that shows a candle shining in darkness. Group A sponge prints a background in blues and purples; Group B collages a mosaic candle in oranges and reds; Group C collages the flame of the candle using scraps of foil paper; Group D generates as many 'light' words as possible. Once the candle and flame are mounted, add narrow beams of glue and cover them with glitter. Mount the light words as callouts and title the display with an adaptation of Simeon's words ~ Jesus is the light that reveals God's will. ◆ Listen to and learn the South African song ' We are walking in the light of God.' ◆ Reflect upon the precious nature of babies in general and of Jesus in particular. What made him so special? 		

◆ Do Christians still think that Jesus is special today? Why?