

Simeon and Anna:

Using a Bible on CD, have Luke chapter 2 read while illustrating the story of Jesus' natural birth with flannel board and characters. Then, repeat it but have the students place the characters, etc. on the flannel board.

Teach the song:

Sing (to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb"):

Lord, let me now go in peace

Go in peace, go in peace

Your salvation I have seen

A light to all the world.

Craft:

Decorate paper bag "puppets" of Simeon and/or Anna and stuff them with packing paper, newspaper, etc. and re-enact that portion of the story. Tie a piece of string or yarn around the "neck" to give it some shape.

Use the puppet to re-enact the portion of scripture where Simeon and Anna see Jesus in the temple. Emphasize that Simeon has now seen the salvation of the Lord and all that he had waited for has come.

Pray that as we see Jesus, we too will find that all we have ever waited for has come.

The puppet and song idea came from "Praise God with Puppets" by Anita Reith Stohs.



Our kids came up with the idea of putting battery operated tea lights in the sacks to illuminate them with an inner light. They also wanted to poke holes in the eyes for the light to shine through—interesting idea for luminaries.