

# LIVING GOD'S WAY

LENT SPIRITUAL RESOURCES WEEK 4 GENEROUS FAITH 14TH<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021 LENT 4

## MOTHERING SUNDAY



Long ago, Mothering Sunday was a time for young men and women who had left home to get a job, to travel back to their home (or “mother”) church. After the service they might be able to visit their families. Sometimes they would take a cake like this – it’s called a SIMNEL cake. What sort of cake do your family enjoy eating?

Today many of us use Mothering Sunday as a special day to say a big THANK YOU to Mums and everyone else who helps and looks after us. Have a think... who buys food and cooks it for you to eat? Who washes your clothes to make sure they are clean? Who do you talk to if you're sad? What other things do you need help with? You could make a RECYCLED CARD for your Mum or another person who cares for you. This is how....



### RECYCLED THANK YOU CARD

**YOU NEED:** Old magazines, adverts and envelopes. Scissors, glue and circular things to draw around.

**TO MAKE:** Draw and cut out circles of different sizes and colours. Stick the circles on top of each other. Fold an envelope in half to make the card and stick a rectangle on for the vase. Make stalks for the flowers (colour some paper green). Write your message on the vase.

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## SIMEON AND ANNA

You can read about the day that these two people met baby Jesus in the Bible, Luke 2:22-39, or you can watch this PowerPoint <https://www.freebibleimages.org/photos/simeon-anna-temple/> Simeon and Anna were both old people, maybe even older than your Grandparents! They both loved God and listened and prayed to God.



Simeon had been given a promise by God. Even though he was very old, God had said that he would not die before he had seen God's Son. When Mary and Joseph with baby Jesus arrived in the temple in Jerusalem, Simeon gave Jesus a hug, and said some special words. He said that Jesus would be a light for people who didn't know about God. Then an old lady called Anna, who lived in the temple, saw Jesus. She thanked God for him, and immediately started telling everyone in the temple who he was.

Thank you, God!

How do you think Simeon and Anna knew about Jesus?

Talk about any older people you know. Do they help look after you? Perhaps you could say thank you to them too.

Find a jar or pot, some paper and a pen. Everyone in your home writes or draws each time they are thankful for someone helping them. At the end of the week, open the jar, say thank you to everyone who helped.

THANK GOD FOR JESUS – ANNA TOLD OTHERS - WHO COULD YOU TELL ABOUT HIM?

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