

# Year C - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

## Luke 2:1-14

Light in the Darkness

### Overview

This prayer idea builds on the message from the day. Christ is a light in the darkness and as Christians we add to that light making it even brighter.

### Instructions

- Have one large candle as the focal piece (possibly the Christ candle from the Advent wreath) and if possible try to make the room darker.
- Give each child a small candle and invite them to one at a time to carefully light their own candle from Christ's candle. For a safer alternative you could use electric candle instead.
- Point out to the children that as we light more candles the room gets brighter. This is what happens when we choose to be followers of Jesus, Christians, we make the world a brighter place.

### Alternative Option

- If you have a nativity scene set up today you can place the infant Jesus in the manger. Gather the children in a circle first and pass the figurine of Jesus around, ask the children that as they hold the small figurine imagine they are holding the real baby Jesus and what they would do if they were really holding Jesus. Once each person has had a turn place the Jesus in the manger. You may want to sing a Christmas hymn together as you do this

