

Lighting of the Candles  
Peace of the Lord be with you



And also with you

# Welcome Words

We have gathered in the name of  
God the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit to  
worship together and think about  
our value **HOPE**



# HOPE



For I know the plans I have for you,  
declares the LORD, plans to prosper  
you and not to harm you; plans to  
give you hope and a future.

*Jeremiah 29:11*



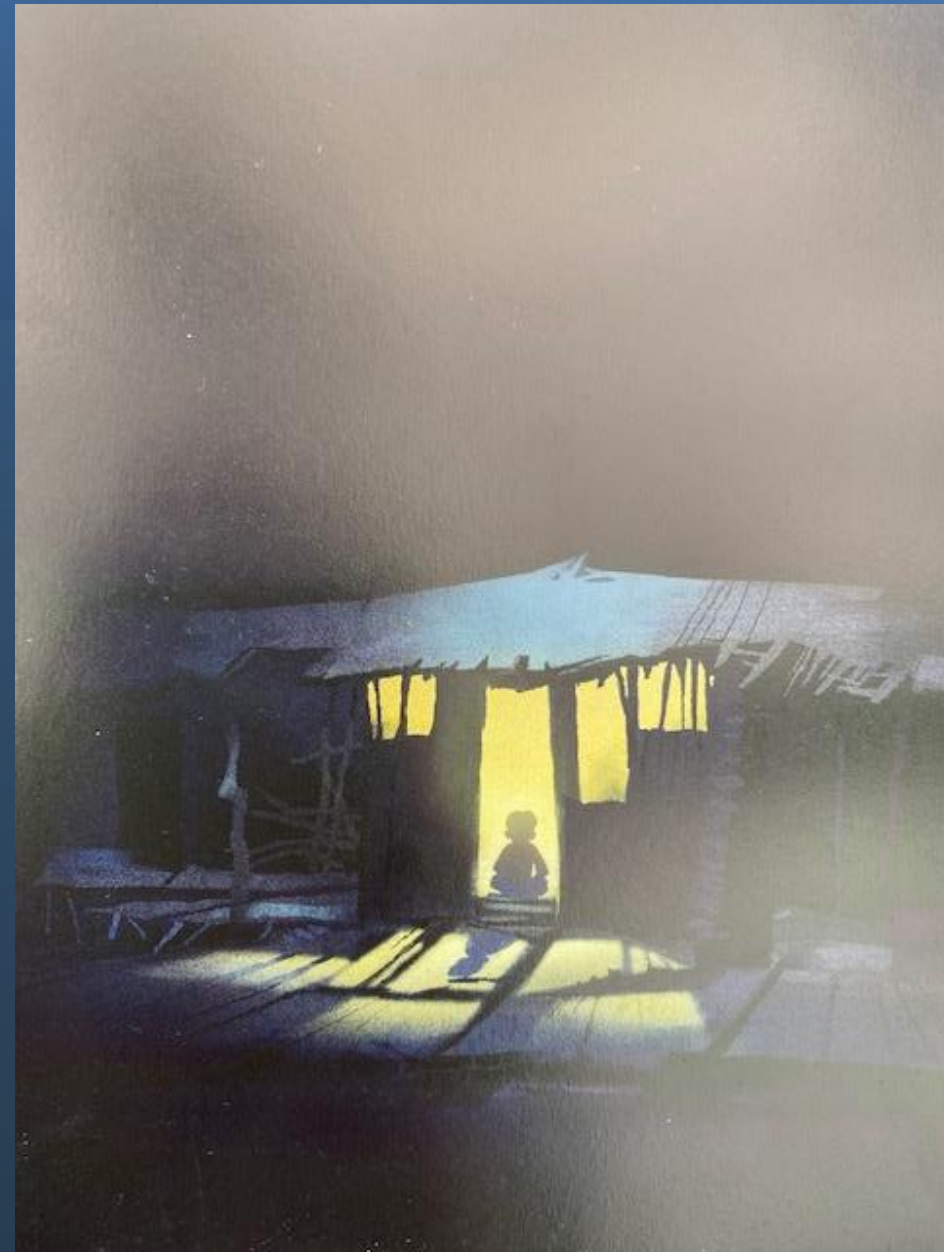
Do not lose heart nor fall into  
despair! You shall triumph if you are  
believers.

*The Holy Quran 3:139*

# HOPE is.....

**H**aving faith in God  
**O**ffering light to others  
**P**romise of a new start  
**E**xpecting good things to happen





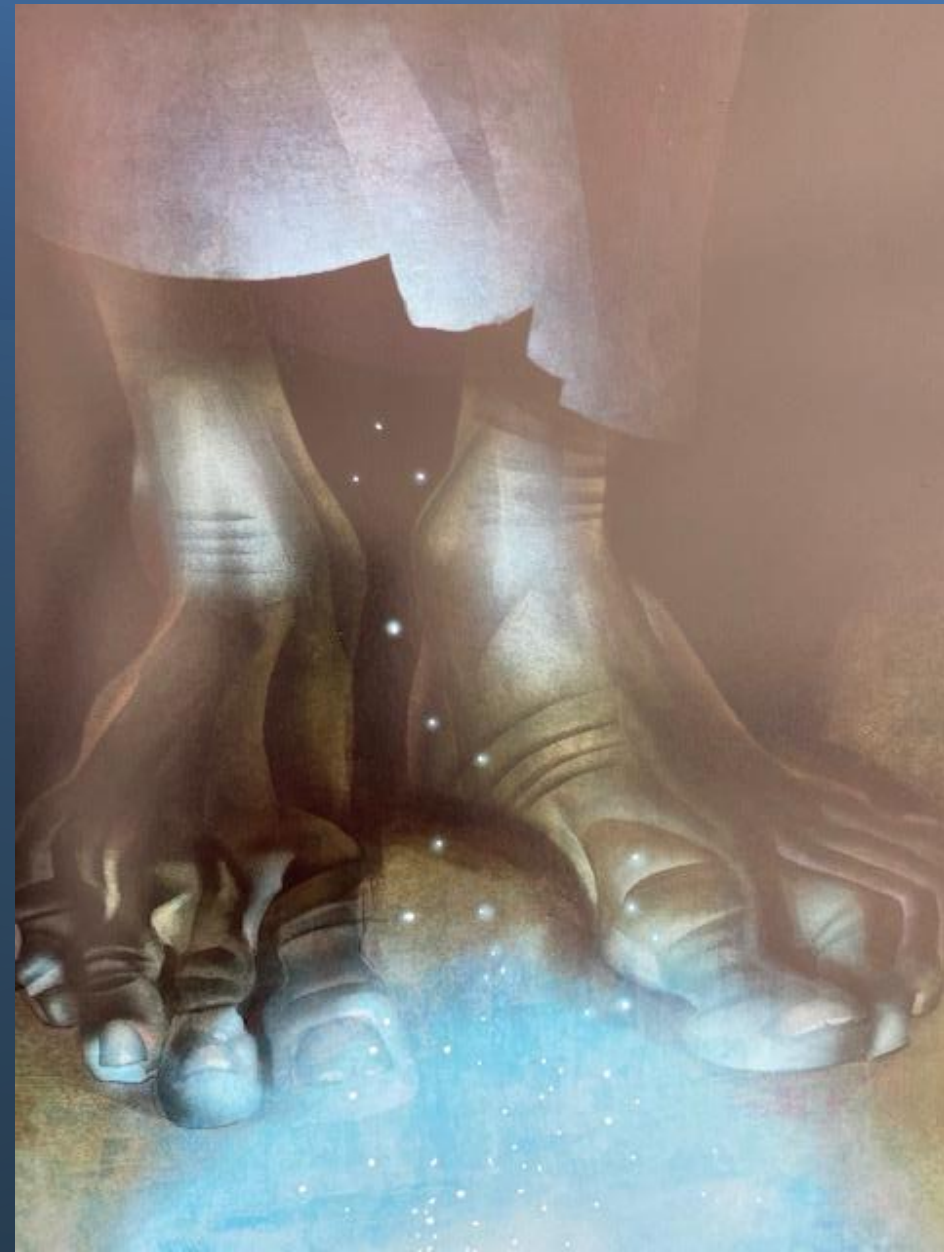




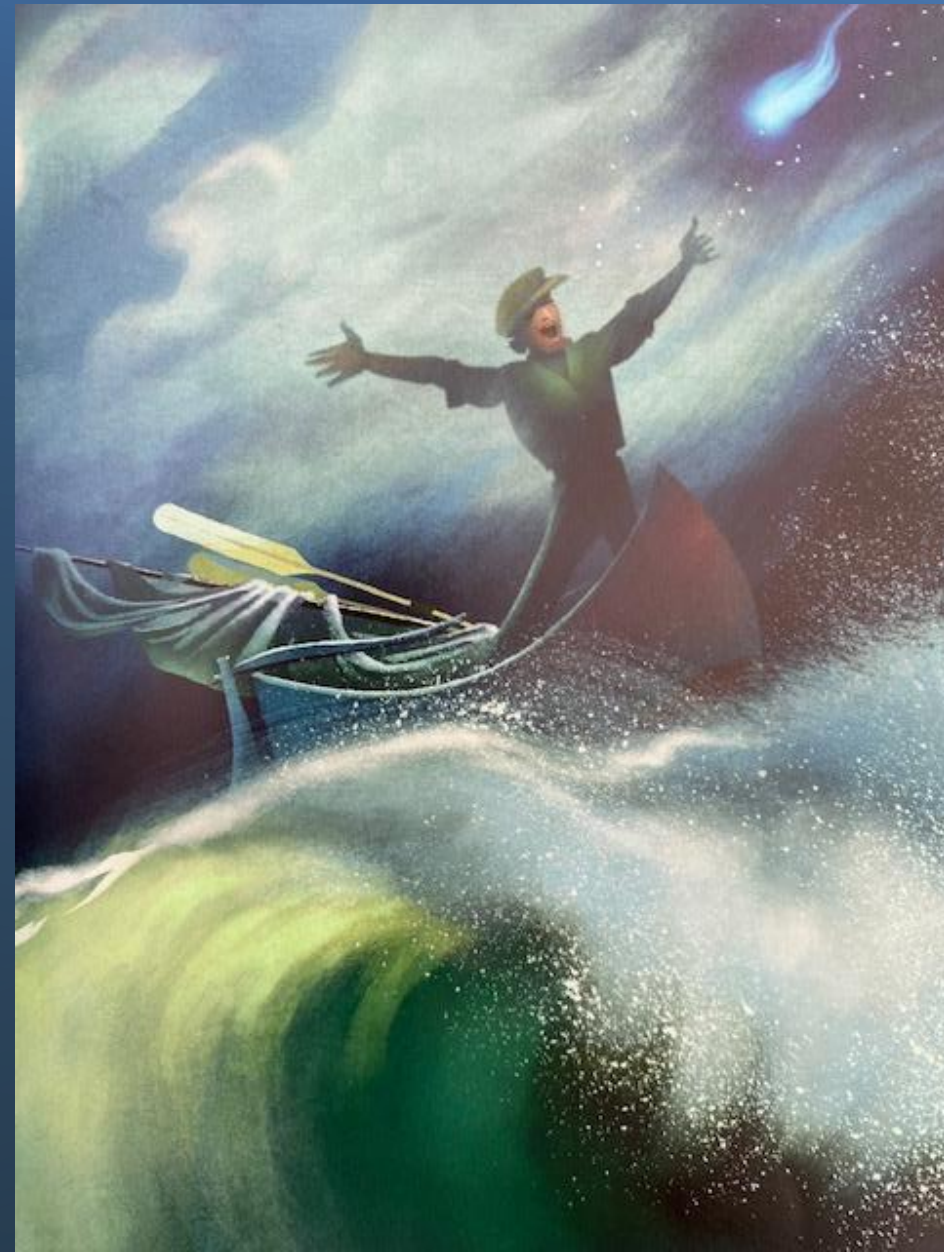












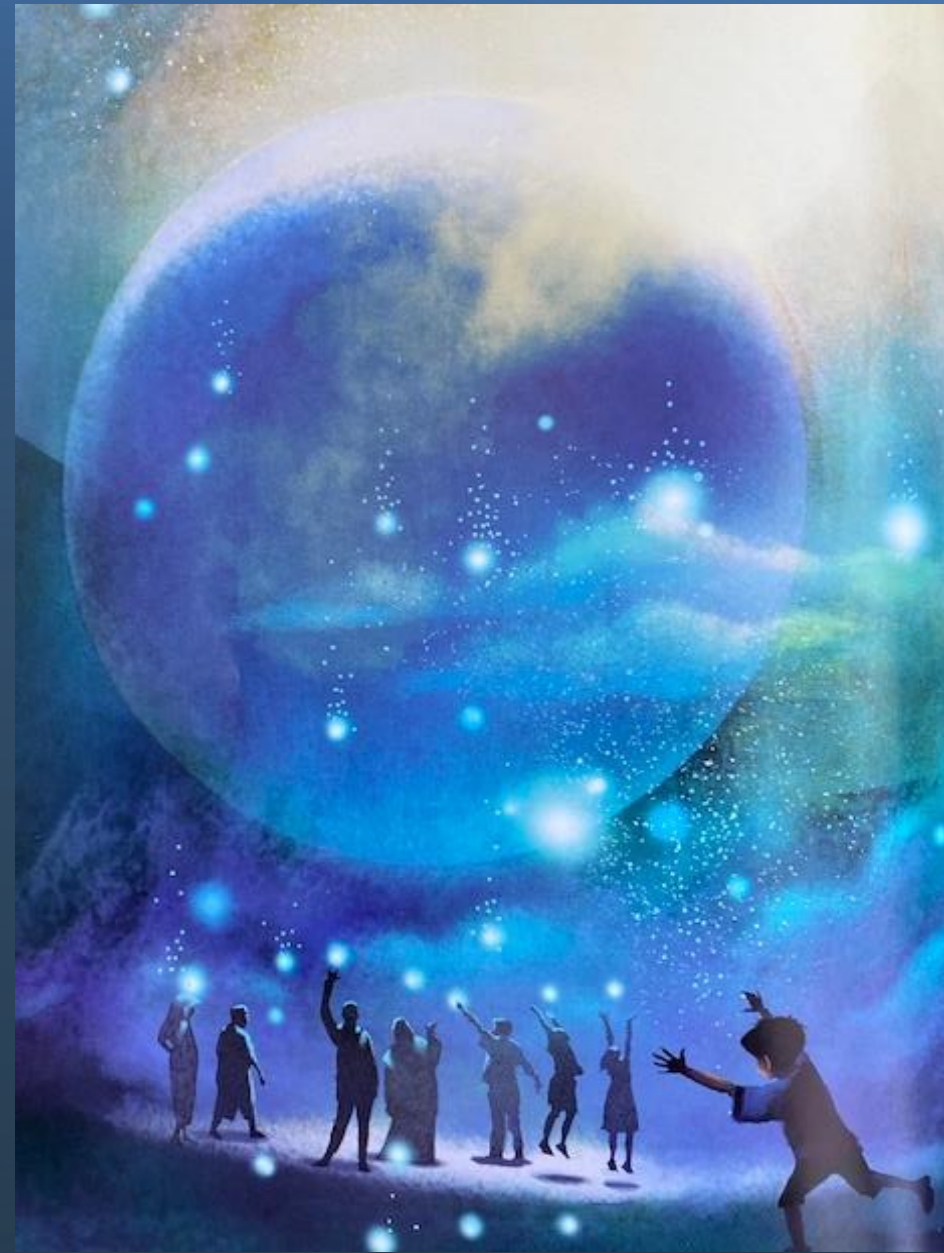












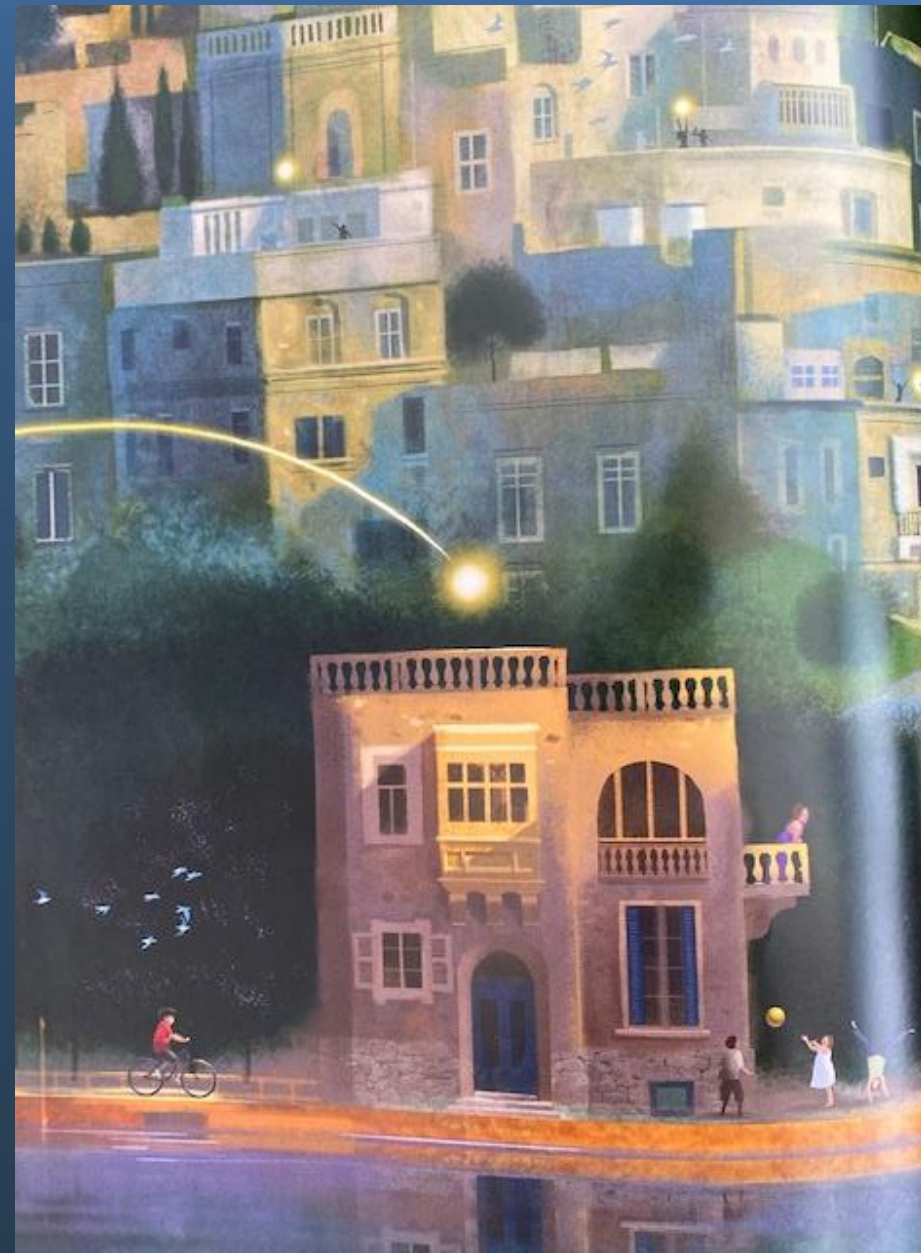


















## Luke 2. v 22 - 35 The Story of Simeon

Simeon knew that Jesus was the saviour he had been waiting for. He said,

'Lord, now I can die content!

For I have seen him as you promised me I would.  
I have seen the saviour you have given to the world.

He is the light that will shine upon the nations,  
And he will be the glory of your people.'

# Reflecting

Light shows us how to find things that we need and how to avoid things that might harm us.

Christians believe that Jesus is their light - he guides and leads them, showing them how to live a good life.





# Reflecting

Think about a time when things seemed a bit dark and hopeless; a time when you were frightened, a time when you were worried.

What helped you to get through it?

Remember how it felt when things started to get better - hold on to that feeling of light and hope.



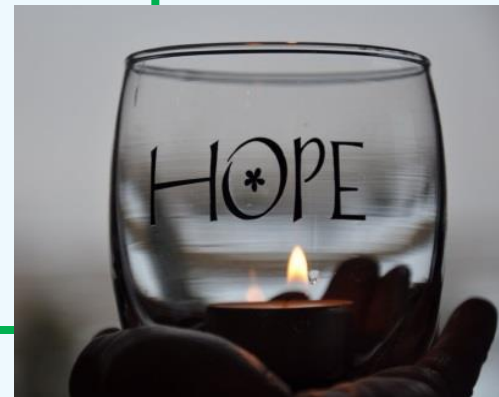
# Prayer

Dear Lord,

We thank you for Jesus and for the Holy Spirit, sent to bring light and hope to the world.

Please, show us how we can bring hope and light to those we meet who feel they are living in darkness.

Amen



# Challenge and Response

## Bringing Hope and Light



Choose a candle and take it to your classroom. Light it whenever you feel you need light to bring you hope.

Think about those who might be having a difficult time right now and as well as praying for them, let's try to offer some practical help.



Maybe bring an item in for the Foodbank collection this week or instead of buying sweets put your money in a charity box for a good cause. Write a prayer for the people in Pakistan to give hope to those who are having difficult times.



May the grace of our Lord  
Jesus Christ  
And the love of God  
And the fellowship of the Holy  
Spirit  
Be with us all, evermore.  
Amen

Blowing out the Candles

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