

Presentation

There is a Dr. Suesse children's book "Horton Hatches an Egg"

It's about an old lazy bird who doesn't want to sit on her egg all day

It's boring – and she really wanted to on vacation in the Bahamas

So – she convinces Horton (an elephant) to sit on her egg until she gets back

- Well, she has such fun, she decides never to go back
- Horton is stuck – sitting on the egg
- Winter comes – snow on his trunk, icicles on his tusks – He says
 "I'll stay on this egg and I won't let it freeze"
 And then he let out a very loud sneeze
 "I meant what I said and I said what I meant
 An elephant is faithful 100%"

- I don't know if elephants are faithful 100%, but I know who is.
- God is faithful 100%
 - Today's feast is full of images of light
 - Candles are blessed – they'll give light, but have 2 possibilities
 - Wicks can be easily snuffed out – not that powerful
 - Or their small flame can set a forest on fire
 - This is the image of Jesus
 - Light of the world – gentle infant in Temple
 - Light of the world – that sets our hearts afire
 - Light that fulfills God's promise in MAL
 - "Suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord who you seek -- and the messenger of the covenant you desire"
 1. Today Jesus comes into the temple
 2. Jesus brings a New Covenant we desire
 - Salvation thru forgiveness
- Scripture is full of promises of God – and God keeps His promises.
- Today we hear about Simeon – an old man who had served God all his life
 Simeon was looking forward to the coming Messiah
 God promised Simeon he would not die until he'd seen the Christ
 40 days after Nativity – Mary and Joseph bring J to the Temple
 (they are **faithful** – fulfilling the law)
 Simeon was in the Temple (he was **faithful**)
 As soon as he sees JC he knew J was the Christ
 Because God is **faithful**
 And the light of God enters the Temple – Jesus, the Christ
- Many of us make promises to God – especially at the start of a new year
 - If God is faithful to keep His promises to us -
 - Isn't it just as important for us to keep our promises to Him?
 - If we want the light of Christ to shine in us --- We need to say
 - I meant what I said and I said what I meant
 - I'll be faithful to God 100%