

THE PRESENTATION, FEBRUARY 2

READ TO ME

After Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph took him to church. The church is called a *temple*. Mary and Joseph asked God to bless the Child, Jesus. This is called the *Presentation*. We celebrate the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple on February 2.

Help Mary and Joseph go to the temple with Jesus.



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On February 2, we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the temple. Mary and Joseph were Jews, and therefore, following Jewish practice and custom, they brought Jesus to the temple to present him to God.

In Luke 2:22-40, we read what happened. Read the story from the Bible, then answer these questions.

1. Why did Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the temple?

2. What did Mary and Joseph offer in sacrifice?

3. What did the holy man say when he took the child in his arms?

4. After the presentation, Mary and Joseph took Jesus and returned to their home. How did the holy man's words come true?

5. What does the story of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the temple tell us about the holy family?

6. What ceremony in our Catholic tradition is something like the Presentation in the temple? Tell about it.
