



## Friends of Jesus and Mary

V Ordinary Time- February 2, 2018

Malachi 3: 1-4; Psalm 24: 7.8.9.10; Hebrews 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-32

### Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

The time came for Joseph and Mary to perform the ceremony of purification, as the law of Moses commanded. So they took the child to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, as it is written in the law of the Lord: "Every first-born male is to be dedicated to the Lord." They also went to offer a sacrifice of a pair of doves or two young pigeons, as required by the law of the Lord. At that time there was a man named Simeon living in Jerusalem. He was a good, God-fearing man and was waiting for Israel to be saved. The Holy Spirit was with him and had assured him that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's promised Messiah. Led by the Spirit, Simeon went into the temple. When the parents brought the child Jesus into the temple to do for him what the law required, Simeon took the child in his arms and gave thanks to God: "Now, Lord you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace. With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples: A light to reveal your will to the Gentiles and bring glory to your people Israel."

### Reflection

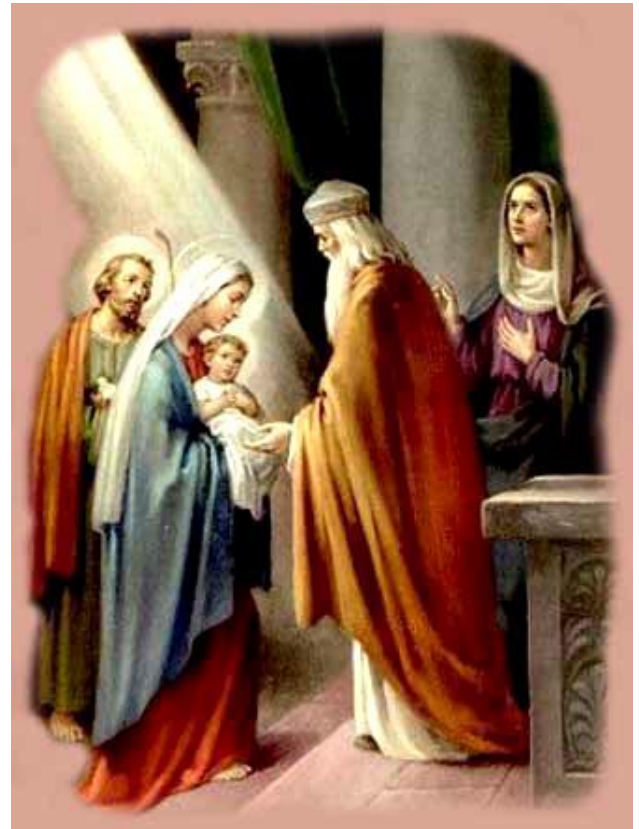
Imagine the scene. How does Simeon feel? How does Mary feel? Jesus was a child like you. He came to bring light. His light is stronger than the darkness of our lies and all those things people are ashamed of. Do you see any darkness around you? Is it sometimes hard for you to say the truth? How can you bring light to others?

### Activity

Make a list of things the children can do to bring light to the world. Give a cutout of a candle to each and have them draw how they can be light to others on the candle. Present them to Jesus:

### Prayer

Lord, you ask us to be a light for others, respecting the dignity of all human beings since you became human like us. You ask us to be light where there is the darkness of hatred, envy, and sadness. Make us light so that all may see the smile of your love. Amen



Song: This Little Light of Mine, Cedermont Kids,  
(Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/yRhDi2aK5ac>



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## Amigos de Jesús y María



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<p>bury the dead</p>	<h3>The Corporal Works of Mercy</h3> <p>Name _____</p>	<p>give food to the hungry</p>	<p>visit the</p> <p>imprisoned</p>
<p>comfort the sick</p>	<p>give drink to the thirsty</p>	<p>shelter the homeless</p>	<p>clothe the naked</p>

<p>forgive offenses willingly</p> <p>"For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." ~Matthew 6:14</p>	<h3>The Spiritual Works of Mercy</h3> <p>Name _____</p>	<p>comfort the sorrowful</p> <p>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." ~Matthew 5:4</p>	<p>"We have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding." ~Colossians 1:9</p> <p>instruct the ignorant</p> <p>"The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; fools despise wisdom and instruction." ~Proverbs 1:7</p>
<p>bear wrongs patiently</p> <p>"Put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience; bearing with one another and forgiving each other." ~Colossians 3:12-13</p>	<p>admonish the sinner</p> <p>"If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him." ~Luke 17:3</p>	<p>counsel the doubtful</p> <p>"We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone." ~1 Thessalonians 5:14</p>	<p>"We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you." ~Colossians 1:3</p> <p>pray for the living and the dead</p> <p>"Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin." ~2 Maccabees 12:46</p>

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