



Friends of Jesus and Mary

IV Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3, 1-4; Psalm 23, 7.8.9.10; Hebrews 2, 14-18; Luke 2, 22-32

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

Reflection

Why did Joseph and Mary go to the temple in Jerusalem? (To present Jesus and consecrate Him to the Lord and to offer up two turtle doves as required by the law of Moses. The law asked that all first-born sons be consecrated to God. (Ex. 13,1-2) The law also required that a mother who gave birth to a son must be purified during 40 days then offer a pair of turtle doves to God as a sacrifice for sin. (Lev. 12, 1-8) **Did the Virgin Mary have any sins?** (No, Mary was born without original sin and she never sinned; but she was always obedient to the law of God.) **What happened in the temple?** (Simeon, a just man, filled with the Holy Spirit and who awaited the coming of the Messiah, recognized Jesus as the Savior of the world with the help of the Holy Spirit. He held Jesus and blessed God.) **What does Simeon say about Jesus?** (He is God's salvation, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the Glory of Israel.) **From what does Jesus save us?** (From sin that separates us from God, thus reuniting us with Him) **How is Jesus a light?** (With His words and His life, Jesus lights the path to eternity showing us how to love God and our neighbor. His presence in the Eucharist unites us to God and fills us with the Holy Spirit and the warmth of His love). **How can we take that light to everyone in our life?** Share.



Activity

Choose from the following activities. Color the Presentation scene. On the last page, write in the candle how you can be light and color. Take the candle to the altar and pray the prayer below. Sit the children in a circle and give them a candle. Put on the song below while the children pass the candle around. Turn off the music randomly and whoever is holding the candle must say how they can be a light for others. Continue until everyone has a chance to share.

Prayer

Jesus, my Savior, light of the world and the glory of Israel, help me to be light to others. I want to obey just as Joseph and Mary always did. I want to love as you love. Amen.

Song: This Little Light of Mine, <https://youtu.be/cKkbIZtqhyQ?si=c1o8TaZxiPw7kCTO>

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1IqUqPVBdHF3YEyRPAWA-isZ6yPfrx3uS/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true



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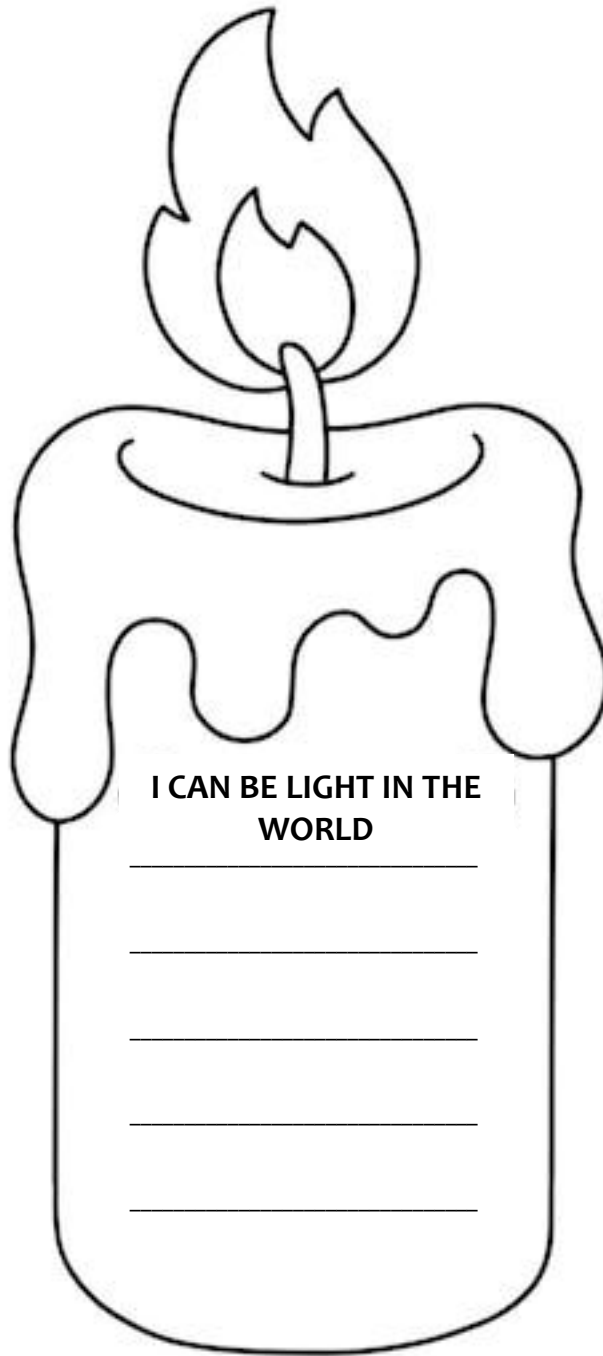
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Instructions: write in the candle how you can be light in the world and color. Glue the prayer to the other side of the candle and pray.



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