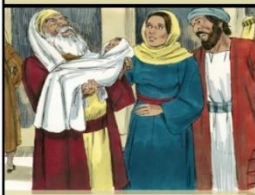


FEAST OF THE  
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



"my eyes have seen  
Your salvation"  
- Luke 2:30

CHILDRENS LITURGY LESSON PLAN  
FEBRUARY 2, 2020

THEME: FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

**GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-35**

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." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted --and you yourself a sword will pierce-- so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

## ENTERING AND WELCOMING

- \*Make the children to stand in a circle and hold their hands together.
- \*Bring to their mind that Jesus is standing in middle of the circle. Wish Him. Prompt them to close eyes for talking to Jesus in prayer.
- \*Say a prayer in children's own words or do 'Our father' and 'Hail Mary' together
- \* **The Sorry Prayer: (Optional)**  
Ask the Children to reflect on the past week and reflect on whether they would like to say sorry for anything they have done or said to someone, that must have hurt Lord Jesus.  
(After each prayer, respond: Lord have mercy.)

## PSALMS

(Singing Psalms: Help the children to repeat the Psalm of the day by reading slowly)

*"Who is this king of glory?*

*The LORD of hosts; he is the king of glory."- Psalms24:10*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### WELCOMING THE GOSPEL: ALLELUIA

### A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST.LUKE

#### ST. LUKE 2:22-35

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

**Musical Statues:**

**Instruct the children that they must stand still when the music stops and move when the music starts.**

**Give few chances.**

**At last give message that, we obeyed the rule and waited motionless. How could we do that?**

**We know that we are rewarded only if we do so.**

**In the same way obey word of lord and wait patiently for the eternal reward - Jesus.**

**Or**

**Bring a bag or cover and distribute paper slips to the children. Instruct the children to write on the paper slip what they would like to offer in thanksgiving to the lord today.**

**Finally do a small prayer over the offerings thanking god.**

**READ THE GOSPEL (given in the side)**

**The gospel of the Lord**

**Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **GOSPEL REFLECTIONS**

Last week, in the Gospel we saw Jesus starting his mission: preaching to repent and that kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this mission Jesus chooses ordinary fisherman to spread this message all over the place. Jesus walked into their lives of hopelessness and dryness by giving them hope and light to their life. When Jesus called them, they left everything and followed him.

**Prompt children to talk about coming to Holy Mass. How do they prepare to come? What do they feel while coming for Holy Mass, whom do they meet? Etc etc.**

In today's gospel, we see that Jesus's parents Joseph and Mary obeying the law of God and bringing Baby Jesus to consecrate and present to Lord. Thanking God for His providence, they also gave two doves for the lord as offering.

There were many people in the temple of God. But one special man named Simeon only recognized Jesus. Why do you think he was able to recognize Jesus and how did he come there in the right time?

Yes, Simeon was a very righteous and devout man and from since long time he was patiently and faithfully waiting for the promise of a savior of Israel made by the lord. He never doubted the word of Lord and so the Holy Spirit was upon him. Just like we saw the three kings few weeks back, who came following the star and met Jesus, Simeon too was watching carefully and was alert to the promptings of the holy spirit. This Holy spirit revealed to him that he will not die before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. In the right time when Jesus was brought to the temple of the lord, Holy spirit led Simeon to the temple, and he met Jesus. Holy Spirit revealed Jesus to him.

He took Jesus in his hands and thanked lord who fulfilled his promise to him and he started to reveal many secrets about Jesus. **'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."**

By hearing all these, Jesus parents were amazed. Simeon also blessed the parents of Jesus and revealed to Mother Mary about Jesus and how He will transform the people and their mind and herself too.

**'Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted --and you yourself a sword will pierce-- so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.'**

Let us reflect;

Imagine if Simeon didn't give mind to the promptings of Holy Spirit? If mother Mary and Joseph didn't bother to keep the law of Lord?

Simeon would not meet Jesus. Joseph and Mary will not get this part of the plan of the Lord revealed through Simeon. *The obedience and trust in God's law led Jesus parents to the lords temple to offer Jesus →As the offering and consecration of Jesus was accomplished, Simeon got the promptings from Holy Spirit to come to temple and got Jesus revealed to Him → this led Holy Spirit to inspire Simeon to prophesize about Jesus to his Parents.*

So, we see that each event is connected like a chain.

Now let us think what this matter in our life. Where do we go to meet Jesus and to offer thanksgiving and prayers? Church, the Lords house.

Sometimes we may feel it boring to obey and to sit and respond to as the Holy Mass progresses. We may feel restless. But let us bring to our mind Jesus parents and Simeon who obeyed and waited patiently for Jesus revelation. It may feel meaningless now, but let us present ourselves and all that God gave us to the Altar of Jesus and give thanks as Jesus Parents did and let us wait patiently in hope trusting in Lord word that is read out to us now. Holy Spirit is sure to reveal Lord plans for us and pray to lord to open our eyes to see the Salvation- Jesus.

Just watch today in the Holy Mass what is happening. There is a time of offering, when we put little offerings in the bag for the church or for special intention as told by church. Have you noticed it? If not, please do seek parents help for the same.

As it come to you, along with the money you put, just present yourself/any of your prayers/ any persons to pray for/thank god for the past week school, friends ,health, food etc etc....give thanks to lord and present it to lord for purifying.

Never feel bored or worn out during Holy Mass. It is a place we meet Jesus and were we present ourselves and everything in thanksgiving to our Lord who purifies it and blesses it for accomplishing His plans. A patient, sincere in heart, persevering and obeying Lord's words will be always guided by Holy Spirit to the right time of coming of Jesus.

Waiting patiently in faithfulness and obedience is rewarded. we will see the salvation in right time of Second coming of Jesus.

Fulfilling all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord fills us with wisdom and favor of God will be upon us. Let's pray for our parents and ourselves and all to get strength to fulfill everything set by church and that we ourselves to be humble and faithful like the holy family to obey word of God without doubt wait patiently presenting all to god to purify.

### **VERSES TO REMEMBER (WRITTEN ON THE WHITE BOARD):**

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*“my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”- Luke 2:30-32*

### **INTERCESSION PRAYERS:**

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If children have any personal prayer intentions, we pray for them.

And in response we pray: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

### **FINAL PRAYER:**

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Dear lord, thank you for giving us your son Jesus, the living word. Thank you for our parents and priests and Church. Give us your grace and strength to fulfill everything set by church and that we ourselves to be humble and faithful like the holy family to obey word of God without doubt, wait patiently presenting ourselves and everything to god so that we are guided at right time by the Holy Spirit to the second coming of Jesus .Amen

**Children re-join the Holy Mass.**