The Presentation of Jesus



Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Baby Jesus in the temple. God's people were supposed to offer their firstborn sons to the service of God, or make an offering of animals instead. Mary and Joseph

by offering a pair of turtledoves.

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Did you know that you can offer yourself to God too? You can use your life to do good and please God. A good way to start is to pray a

"morning offering" every day. Tell God that you

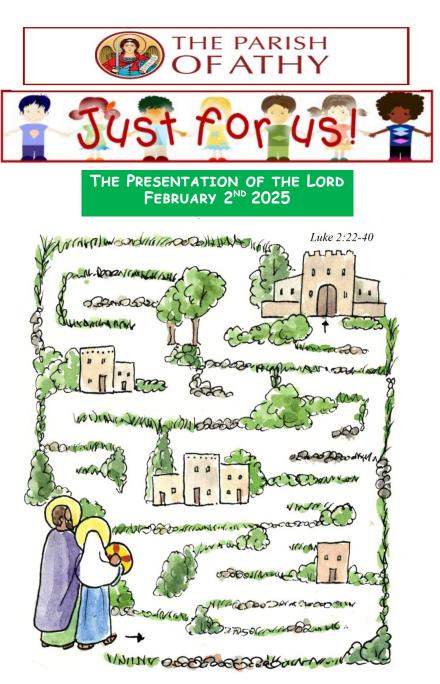


love Him and offer Him all your prayers, work, joys, and sufferings of the day. When you do everything for God you will be cooperating with Jesus in making the world a better and happier place!

How can you start offering yourself to God today?

Answers to Presentation True or False: I.False 2.False 3.True 4.True 5.False 6.True 7.False

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Can you help the Holy Family find their way to the Temple so that Baby Jesus can be presented there?

The Presentation: True or False?

How well do you know the story of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple? See if you can tell which of these statements are true and which are false!

- 1. Jesus was 12 years old when Mary and Joseph first presented Him in the temple. True or False?
- 2. Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple all by herself. True or False?
- 3. Joseph and Mary offered two pigeons or turtledoves when they presented Jesus in the temple. True or False?
- 4. When Simeon took baby Jesus in his arms he said to God, "my eyes have seen your salvation." True or False?
- 5. Mary forgot what Simeon said as soon as they left the temple. True or False?
- 6. Anna the prophetess, who also greeted the Holy Family, was an old woman. True or False?
- 7. Jesus stayed at the temple when Mary and Joseph went home. True or False?



In our Gospel story this week we hear that Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple. Can you colour in the picture of Joseph, Mary the baby Jesus and Simeon? Have fun.



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