

Week 10 - The Presentation

Parents - Instructions: Before beginning this lesson, please take a few minutes together as a couple, or by yourself, to read and reflect on the “Scripture Reading” and “Discussion Questions”. Next, read the Scripture passage and the lesson to/with your child(ren). Then, as a family, discuss a few of the questions. Parents, please be sure to share *your* answers, thoughts, and questions with your child(ren) as well. It’s ok to not know everything about our faith. Your parish leadership is happy to help you find answers.

Scripture Reading: [Luke 2:22-38](#)

Virtue: Obedience

“It is not hard to obey when we love the one whom we obey.”
-St. Ignatius of Loyola

Theme: Why we need the Church

Parents - Read to/with Child(ren):

It was the custom in Jesus’ time for parents to bring their children to the temple and present them to God. In this “presentation”, they were making a commitment to raise their children to know, love and serve God. Today, parents bring their children to the Church to be baptized. As baptized children of God we are also called to know, love and serve God. The Church instructed Joseph and Mary to do this, just like the Church today instructs parents to bring their children to be baptized.

Also in this Gospel reading we hear about two people who loved God very much. The first was Simeon. Simeon was an old man who had been told by the Holy Spirit that before he died he would see Jesus. The second person is Anna. Anna loved the Church very much and prayed always. Because they were both holy and committed to God, they recognized who Jesus really was, even though most people could not.

Our goal on earth is to love and serve God with our whole heart so that someday we can live forever with Him in heaven. Joseph and Mary followed the customs of the Church. The Church is here to support and guide us as we come to know and live in God’s love. Simeon and Anna were both very obedient to God. Because they were obedient, they were some of the first people to get to see Jesus and know he was the Savior of the World. Being obedient to God does not make us unhappy. Being obedient to God brings us great joy, the kind of joy Simeon had when he met Jesus!

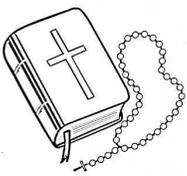
Discussion Questions (to help start the family conversation)

Young Child(ren) (& 1st Reconciliation/1st Communion Students)

1. When is it hard to obey your parents? Why does God ask us to obey our parents?
2. How is the Church similar to our family?

Older Child(ren) (& Confirmation Students)

1. What does it mean to be obedient to God?
2. How can we be more like Simeon and Anna?



Family Rosary Curriculum (FRC)

Catechetical Evangelization - Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation



Prayer: Each day this week, as a family, please pray the Glory be. Also, one day this week, as a family, pray together 1 decade of the Rosary while meditating on this fourth Joyful Mystery - "The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple". Focusing on the image below can be helpful during this prayer.

(1 Decade = 1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, 1 Glory Be & the Fatima (O My Jesus) Prayer - [Click Here for help](#)).

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