

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

This Week's Gospel: Luke 2:22–32 In the Gospel, Mary and Joseph honor Jewish tradition by bringing their firstborn son to the Temple. Simeon, a holy prophet, recognizes Jesus and reveals him as the Messiah who will fulfill God's promises to Israel and will be a light to all nations. Anna, a prophetess, is also at the Temple. She has been praying and fasting in expectation of the Messiah. The Feast of the Presentation is also called Candlemas because it is the day on which the Church customarily blesses and distributes candles used in worship and in the home. The blessed candle is a reminder to all that the light of Christ is present always and everywhere.

Promise (Grades Pre-School, K &1): This week's class helped your child appreciate the gift of light and its importance for life. The class also discussed how Jesus lights the way for everyone. Talk, too, about ways your family can light the way for others.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Your child has learned that Jesus is the Messiah God promised to send and that Jesus is the Light of the World. Review information in the Gospel Weekly and talk about the Feast of the Presentation. Discuss how the feast helps us all recognize the light of Christ who invites us to spread the light of love to others.

Venture (Grades 4-6): On this feast day, the Church celebrates how Jesus is recognized as the Light of the World. The class also learned about the Liturgy of the Word and how that first half of Mass feeds our minds with Scripture teachings. Consider reflecting on the previous week's or the upcoming week's readings.

