

## Good News

Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple. They wanted to thank God for him. At the Temple, they met an old man called Simeon.

He was a good and holy person. He often went to the Temple to pray. When he saw Jesus Simeon took him in his arms and praised God.

He said, "This baby will bring light and joy to the world." Mary and Joseph were very surprised by Simeon's words and didn't know what he meant at the time. Simeon blessed them.

After that, they met Anna. She was eighty four years old and spent all her time in the Temple praying. She said a thank-you prayer to God for Jesus and told everyone that he would bring happiness to those who loved God.

Mary and Joseph took Jesus home to Nazareth where he grew up and learned to praise God.

We remember this story on 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus.

Candles are blessed and carried on this day to remind us that Simeon recognised that Jesus would bring light and joy to the world.

> Based on Luke 2:23-40 God's Story 2

