

A PECK INTO The Atrium

Celebration of Christmas and the Presentation in the Temple

We celebration the Christmas season during our first session back in the atrium after the Feast of the Nativity (Christmas.) We change the prayer cloth from purple to white, remove our Advent wreath and add items that remind us of the great feast of the Nativity.

Our lesson today is the scripture of the Presentation in the Temple (Luke 2:22-39). This story tells us more about “Who is this child?” We share this work using the figures of Mary, baby Jesus, Joseph, two turtle doves, Simeon (“a man who knows the Holy Spirit”), and Anna (a holy woman, who fasted and prayed) to present the scripture in a vivid way for the children. The work also involves a scene created to look like a part of the temple where it took place. We reflect with the children that Jesus came for all peoples by meditating on Simeon’s prayer to Christ the Light:

A light to enlighten the pagans

And the glory of your people Israel.

May the light of the world be with us all!

