RE WB 21.1.21 Mary and Joseph take baby Jesus to the Temple.

## The Presentation Story

Look at the image of 'Mary and Joseph at the Temple in Jerusalem' below.



Share the story:

Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. They wanted to present him to God and thank God for giving them their lovely boy.

Whilst they were there they met two people, Simeon and Anna. They went to the Temple every day to pray.

Simeon took baby Jesus in his arms and gave thanks to God. He said a prayer over Jesus and blessed Mary and Joseph. He said Jesus was like a light to help people. Anna was delighted to see Jesus and gave thanks to God for him.

Afterwards Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus home to Nazareth.

Ask your child the following questions: Answers in red

- Q Who do you see in the picture? (Mary Joseph Baby Jesus Simeon Anna)
- Q Why did Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the Temple? (To say thank you to God for their baby)
- Q Who were the people that they met? (Simeon and Anna)
- Q Why did Simeon and Anna go to the Temple? (To pray)
- Q What did Simeon do? (Took baby Jesus in his arms to thank God)

## Suggested Activity:

Ask children what did Simeon say about Jesus (Jesus is the light of the world) and how can they be more like Jesus. (Be kind, help others, love each other, and care for the world).

