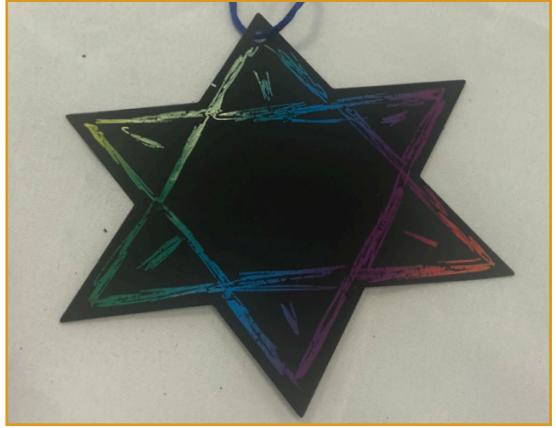


DECEMBER 27: STAR OF DAVID THE HOLY FAMILY

INCLUDED:

Scratch Off Star
Scratcher
Hanger Cord



USE YOUR OWN:

Scrap paper



LUKE 2:22, 39-40



When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

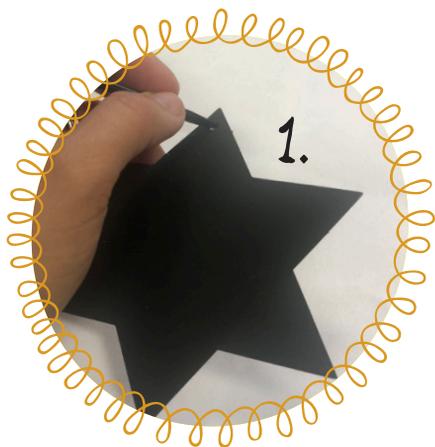
When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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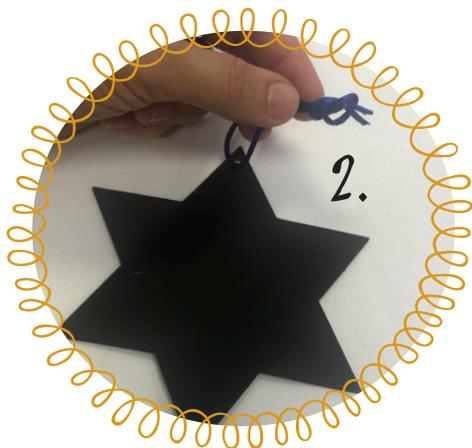
1. What do Mary and Jesus do in today's Gospel?
2. In the longer version of this reading, the Holy Family meets Simeon and Anna. How do you think they reacted to meeting the baby Jesus?

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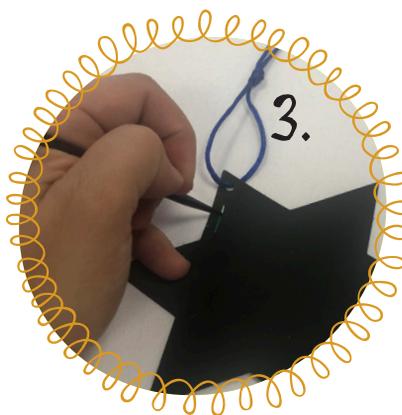
1. Mary and Joseph take baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to present Him to God. They were being obedient Jewish laws.
2. You can look up the reading in your Bible! They recognized Jesus and rejoiced in meeting Him. They knew they could go in peace, proclaiming Jesus' arrival in the world.



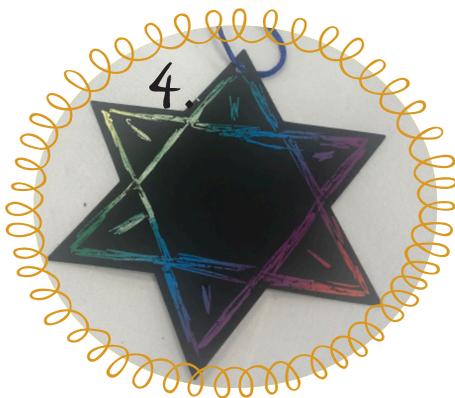
1. We're making a Star of David to remember Jesus' Jewish heritage. Lay down a piece of scrap paper under your star. Use the stick to poke out the small circle at the top.



2. The Star of David is a modern symbol for Judaism and Israel started around the 17th century. Tie the string to the top of the star through the hole as a hanger.



3. The Star of David was used more and more as a symbol. It's made with two interlocking triangles to make six points to the star. What was Jesus' heritage? Use the stick to scratch a design in the star. You can be as simple or complex as you want!



4. Your finished star might have two triangles or you might make a different pattern. You can hang up your star as a decoration and a reminder of Jesus' presentation in the temple.

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