

❖ When Mary said yes, the Son of God became man through the power of the Holy Spirit. This mystery of our faith is called the Incarnation.

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❖ Joseph was from the family of King David. David was one of the many people who prepared the world for Jesus.

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❖ Caesar, the Roman emperor, ordered a census to count every person. This is why Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem, even though Mary was with child. When Jesus was born as baby, he was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Christ's birth was announced by an angel to shepherds who were watching their flocks nearby. They hurried to see the baby and to praise God.

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❖ In the story of the Presentation, Mary and Joseph took the child Jesus to the Temple to present him to the Lord. There Simeon and Anna met Jesus. Simeon, an old man, knew that Jesus was the light of the world. Simeon was happy that he had lived to see the Savior God had promised. Anna was a prophetess praying in the Temple. When Anna saw Jesus with Simeon, she told the people waiting for the Savior what she had seen.

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❖ The Fourth Commandment tells us to honor our parents. Jesus lived this commandment. He was obedient and respectful to his parents and teachers. He probably worked as a carpenter, like Joseph, until he was about 30 years old.

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