


FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
10	2	4	CELEBRATIONS	FEASTS OF THE THEOTOKOS	38: Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes (Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

							
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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [copy this:] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

Prayer: Today is the prelude of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the Temple of God, In anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: Rejoice, O Fulfilment of the Creator's dispensation! – **Troparion** - (You will want to have the words readable for students on a chalkboard or chart and explain any unknown words).

Starter: Ask the children if they ever been to a baptism? Maybe you've seen a little baby being brought to the church 40 days after birth (churching when separate from baptism). You might remember how special these services are. A little child begins his life in our holy Church! Today we will see how a little girl was presented to the Church to start her devotion to God.

Learning objectives: To learn about the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple.

Core Activities and Learning

Introduction: On the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, the 21st of November, we celebrate a very special feast day of our Church. It's the day we remember when the Holy Theotokos, the Mother of God, went into the Temple. She went there so she could be close to God. She went there so she could spend time praying, and focusing on God. Like the feast of her Nativity, this feast of Mary is without a direct biblical reference. But like the Nativity, it is a feast filled with important spiritual significance for the Christian believer.

Read together the story of the entry on Resource Sheet 38.

Group activity: Provide the icon of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple for your students to look at. Ask them to tell what they know about the icon: what does it depict? What is it teaching us? Then share additional information as presented here <https://iconreader.wordpress.com/2011/11/20/entrance-of-the-theotokos-into-the-temple/> and talk about it.

Copy the Festal Troparion (above)

Underneath **write a little** concerning how the Theotokos must have felt as a young girl entering the Temple precincts.

Resources:

<https://orthodoxchurchschoolteachers.wordpress.com/2016/11/18/on-the-feast-of-the-entrance-of-the-theotokos-into-the-temple-nov-21-or-dec-4/>
<https://iconreader.wordpress.com/2011/11/20/entrance-of-the-theotokos-into-the-temple/>

Supplies: Festal Icon of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple. (theotokos-entry-4.jpg)

Review: On 21st November we celebrate the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple. This feast celebrates the day when the Theotokos, still a child, went to the Temple.

Follow Up: Read in your own time the Festal Troparion you have been given and familiarise yourself with the words.