

Yr 2 Entrance of Theotokos Parents' Cheat Sheet

1. Where do we find the story of the entrance of the [Theotokos](#) (Mother of God, Mary) into the Temple?

This story is not in the Bible. It is in other books that people in the Church knew were special and it was talked about by holy people and all Christians through all of history.

To the parents: This story has been part of Sacred Tradition of the Church since early times. This means that it was passed on orally and was considered to be a true element of the faith and is accepted as part of Church teachings. You can read the main source of information about the life of the Theotokos [here](#).

2. Who is the little girl in the story? How do we know that she is special?

It was Mary, the mother of Jesus! We know that she is special because: God promised her parents that she would be born even though they were old, the high priest recognized that she was special and he took her into the temple, she danced and twirled because she was filled with the Holy Spirit, the angels surrounded her and cared for her while she was growing up in the temple.

3. Why did Mary live in the temple?

To prepare to be the Mother of God. This was part of the fulfillment of God's plan. God was preparing a special living temple for His Son. On this feast day this human temple of God entered into the existing temple. In the temple she prayed and learned the Scriptures. She learned love, patience and humility. She kept herself holy. We try to keep ourselves holy in the same way. We welcome God to dwell within us.