



Poor people sometimes used the dove or pigeon as a sacrifice to God. Men and women who had more money might offer an ox or a sheep or a kid. These animals were all more valuable than a dove.

When a new baby was born into a family, the mother always brought a gift to God.

When Jesus was just eight days old, Mary and Joseph got ready to go to the temple. They were going to take a gift to God.

Here they come. Mary is carrying the Baby. She holds the baby Jesus so carefully. She loves that Baby so much. And Joseph helps her as she walks into the temple. He is proud and glad for the Baby. Mary and Joseph know this is a very special Son God has given to them.

Mary and Joseph are holding a gift. This is the gift they have brought to God. They have come with two young pigeons. This is their gift to God when Jesus was Born.

(Read it in Luke 2:22-24)