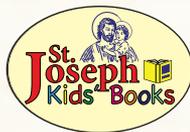


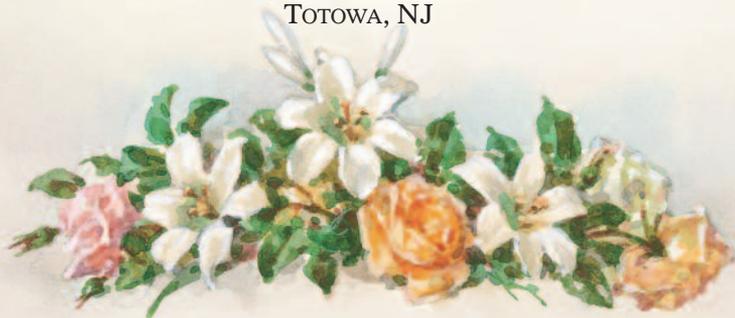


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JOSEPH TAKES MARY AND HER CHILD TO THE TEMPLE

IT WAS the law among the Jews that the first child born in a family should be brought to the Temple to be offered to God because he belonged to God. When Jesus was forty days old, Mary and Joseph brought Him to the Temple.



JOSEPH FINDS THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

MARY and Joseph used to go every year to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When Jesus was twelve they went up for the celebration. As they were returning at the end of the feast, the Child Jesus remained behind and His parents did not know it. Thinking He was in another group of travelers, they continued their journey for a day. Then they looked for Jesus among His relatives and friends.

Since Mary and Joseph could not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for Him. On the third day, they found Him in the Temple sitting with the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard Him were surprised to see how much He knew about God.

When His parents saw Him they were surprised, and His Mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? You see that Your father and I have been searching for You in sorrow.”

He said to them, “Why did you search for Me? Did you not know I had to be in My Father’s house?”

