Special Days of the Year

We celebrate holy days and other special days during the church year.
Other religions also have special feasts to celebrate.

Look up the dates in the chart below at www.blestarewe.com/litcal/index.html . Identify the feast for that day. Write what that feast celebrates from the description given there.

Date	Feast	What it Celebrates
January 1	**Mary, Mother of God**	**Mary's Motherhood**
February 2	**Presentation**	**Mary and Joseph present the baby Jesus at the temple**
February 21, 2007 or February 6, 2008	**Ash Wednesday**	**Beginning of Lent; reminds us to "repent and live the Gospel"**
April 8, 2007 or March 23, 2008	**Easter**	**Jesus' resurrection from the dead**
April 2, 2007 or April 18, 2008	**Passover**	**Flight of Hebrews from Egyptian slavery**
May 17, 2007 or May 1, 2008	**Ascension**	**Jesus returns to his Father in heaven**
September 12, 2007 or September 29, 2008	**Rosh Hashanah**	**Jewish New Year**
September 21, 2007 or October 8, 2008	**Yom Kippur**	**Day of atonement, a day to pray for forgiveness**
September 12, 2007 or September 1, 2008	**Ramadan**	**Month of fasting for Muslims, much time spent in prayer**

Dates with years are "moveable dates" they change each year. Jewish and Islamic feasts begin at sunset.

- **Draw a circle around the 3 Jewish feast days.**

- **Draw a box around the Islamic feast day.**

Parents, Catechists, Teachers: If your child does not have access to the web, a church calendar will be of help. Talk about the importance of each day listed above. Note that Yom Kippur and Ramadan are times of fasting similar to the Christian Lent.