

JESUS AS A BOY

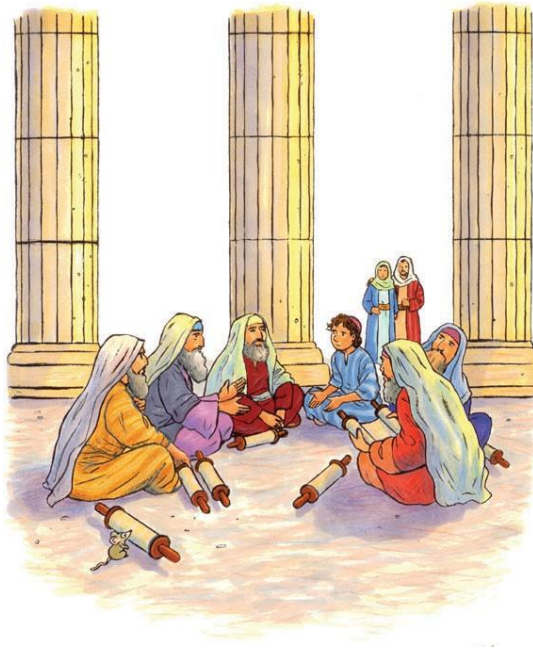
Luke 2:41-52



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Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ As a young boy, Jesus listened to Israel's teachers.■ Jesus was willing to learn about God.■ It is important for us to come into God's house.
Bible Text	Luke 2:41–52

Jesus as a Boy



As was the custom, Mary and Joseph travelled to Jerusalem for the Passover feast, which took place every year.

When Jesus was twelve years old, He was allowed to go with them. After the Passover feast, everyone started to make their way home.

Mary and Joseph did not notice that Jesus had stayed behind in Jerusalem.

Mary and Joseph travelled for a day then began looking for Jesus among their relatives.

When they did not find Him, Mary and Joseph returned to Jerusalem to look for Him.

After three days, they found Jesus in the temple. He was sitting with the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Everyone was amazed at how much He understood.

Mary asked, "My Son, why have you caused us so much worry? We have been looking everywhere for you!"

Jesus replied, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I would be about My Father's business?"

Mary kept what happened close to her heart. Jesus went back to Nazareth with His parents.

Jesus became wise, as He grew older.

He also grew in favour with God and man.

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress and additional materials like a scroll (Bible)...

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- Have you ever been separated from your parents? How do you think they may have felt? (They experienced worry.)
- Why is Jesus in the temple? (He seeks a close connection to His heavenly Father.)
- What does Jesus do in the temple? (He speaks with the scribes and teachers. He asks questions and gives answers.)
- Why does Jesus know so much about God? (Because God is His Father)

Have the children repeat...

- As a young boy, Jesus listened to Israel's teachers.
- Jesus was willing to learn about God.
- It is important for us to come into God's house.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Jesus realized, even as a twelve-year-old boy that He had a special task here on earth.
- Our task on earth is to be prepared for the return of Jesus.
- Therefore, it is important and necessary to listen to the word of God.

Repeat the Message

We can learn from Jesus. Even as a young boy,
He wanted to be in His Father's house.