



Jesus at the Temple

Luke 2:40-52

MAIN POINT: JESUS AND HIS FAMILY WORSHIPED GOD AT THE TEMPLE.

Every year, Jesus' parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. When Jesus was 12 years old, Jesus and His family went to Jerusalem together. When it was time to go home, Mary and Joseph began traveling to Nazareth with a large group of people. They did not notice that Jesus was not with them. He had stayed behind in Jerusalem.

Mary, Joseph, and the other travelers had been walking for a whole day when they began to look for Jesus, but they could not find Him.

So Mary and Joseph went back to Jerusalem to look for Jesus. Finally, they found Him in the temple complex, sitting among the teachers. Jesus was listening to the teachers and asking them questions. Everyone who heard Jesus could hardly believe how much Jesus understood.

When Jesus' parents saw Him, they were surprised. Mary said, "Son, why have You done this? We've been looking everywhere for You."

Jesus asked them, "Didn't you know that I had to be in My Father's house?"

Christ Connection: Even as a child, Jesus wanted to do His Father's plan. As Jesus grew up, He became strong and wise. God blessed Jesus as He got ready to follow His Father's plan: to die on the cross and rescue people from sin.

MEMORY VERSE:

Christ Jesus came in to the world to save all sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What makes Jesus different?
Jesus is fully God and fully man.

BIBLE STORY:

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- Mary and Joseph traveled to Jerusalem for Passover each year.
- When Jesus was 12, Mary and Joseph accidentally left Jerusalem without Jesus.
- When they noticed He was missing, they returned, and found Jesus in the temple.
- Jesus came to earth to do His Father's plan.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why do you think Jesus stayed behind?
- Whom was Jesus talking about when He said He had to be in His Father's house?
- How can we know God is our Father too?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Create a plan for what your kids should do if they get separated from you in a crowded place.