

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Luke

Lesson 2

Jesus as a Boy

Luke 2:40-52

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Younger Verse

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Psalm 122:1

Older Verse

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

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Bible Story



*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Last week, we learned about Simeon and Anna praising baby Jesus because they knew He was God's Chosen One. The Bible says that Jesus grew up and became strong. He was full of wisdom, and God was with Him. The Bible doesn't say anything else about His childhood until He was twelve.

Every year Jesus' parents went to a special celebration in the Spring. It was called Pass-over. When Jesus was twelve, He went with Mary and Joseph. So they all went in a large crowd of family and friends from Nazareth to Jerusalem.

When the celebration was over, Mary and Joseph and the group began the journey back to their home in Galilee. After a day of traveling, Mary and Joseph realized that Jesus was not with the group. They asked all their friends and family, but no one had seen Jesus. The men usually traveled behind the women, so Joseph might have thought Jesus was with Mary. Mary must have thought Jesus was with Joseph!

When they realized Jesus was not with them, they hurried back to Jerusalem to look for Him. They looked everywhere for Jesus. Can you imagine how upset Mary and Joseph must have been? Where would you look for Jesus? (For smaller children, pretend you are looking here and there for Jesus.)

Finally, after **three** days, they found him. Do you know where Jesus was? He was in the temple, listening to the church leaders and asking them questions. They had been there talking together the whole time! The leaders were amazed at what Jesus knew.

When Mary found him she said, "Son, why did you do this to us? Your father and I were very worried about you!" Jesus responded, "Why did you have to look for me? Didn't you know that I would be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what He meant.

Lesson Goals

Learn that Jesus wanted to be in His Father's house
Recognize that Jesus obeyed and honored His parents
Understand the importance of listening to our parents

Jesus went with His parents back to their home in Nazareth and He obeyed them. He listened and did what His parents asked Him to do. Jesus continued to grow up. People liked Him and he pleased God.

What can we learn from this Bible story? Jesus loved His parents and did what they said. He obeyed them. He did not talk back to them or disrespect them. He honored them. God wants us to honor our parents, too.

Isn't it great to know that Jesus was once a kid like us? He knows what it's like to grow up because He grew up, too. He knows what it's like to have parents because He had parents.

Jesus lived with people like us and understands everything we go through. He even did something that no one in the whole world would do—He did something just for you. He died in your place. What does that mean? Jesus died on a rough cross for all the bad things you and I have done. He took our place. He was our substitute.

Jesus is in Heaven now preparing a place for those who will trust Him as their Savior. Just believe that He died on the cross and rose again three days later. Ask Him to forgive your sins and come live in your heart. Then you will have eternal life.

Review Questions

1. How old was Jesus when He went to Jerusalem with His parents? (twelve)
2. Where did Mary and Joseph find Jesus? (in the temple)
3. What had Jesus been doing in the temple? (listening to the church leaders and asking questions)
4. How did Jesus respond to Mary when she asked Him why He did that to them? (“Didn’t you know I would be in my Father’s house?”)

Life Application

Jesus knew that God was His Father, even at the age of twelve. Why didn't He just tell His parents He could take care of Himself? Even though Jesus knew who He was, He followed God's plan for Him. He remained with His parents until He was grown. He obeyed their rules and even became a carpenter like Joseph, His earthly Father.

You may think you know so much and that you don't need your parents. But the fact is that God gave you parents for a reason. He knows that you need guidance and protection. Jesus is our example. The Son of God respected and obeyed His parents. Shouldn't you do the same?

Planning for Lesson 3
Jesus is Baptized
Luke 3:7-22

Preschool Lesson for Jesus as a boy

God wants us to listen and obey our parents. Let's see if Jesus obeyed His parents.

Every year, Jesus' parents went to a special celebration in the Spring. This year, as usual, Mary, Joseph and Jesus traveled to Jerusalem for the celebration. They went with a big group of friends and family. The party was so much fun. They had lots of good food and told God how much they loved Him.

When the party was over, Mary and Joseph and the group traveled back to their home. (March with your feet.) After a while, Mary and Joseph realized that Jesus was not anywhere to be found. They asked all their friends and family, but no one had seen Jesus.

Mary and Joseph rushed back to Jerusalem. They looked everywhere for Jesus. (Put your hand across your brow as if you were looking for Jesus; then call Jesus' name like you were looking for Him)

Finally, they found Him. Do you know where Jesus was? He was in the temple church, talking to the leaders. They had been there talking together the whole time! The leaders were amazed at what Jesus knew.

When Mary found him she said, "Son, why did you do this to us? Your father and I were very worried about you!"

Jesus asked, "Why did you have to look for me? Didn't you know I would be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what He meant.

Jesus went with them to their home in Nazareth and He obeyed them. He listened and did what His parents asked Him to do. Jesus continued to grow up. People liked Him and He pleased God, too.

Jesus obeyed His parents in this story. He was good and did what His parents asked. It is important to listen to and obey our parents. In fact, the Bible tells us to do this.

God is good to us and wants us to be good to our parents. How can you be good to your Mom or Dad today?



**Hands-on Activities
for
Jesus as a Boy**

Let the kids make reminders to help them obey their parents this week. Encourage them to put the note in a place they will see it and remember to do it.

Teachers, bring a picture of yourself when you were in the 6th grade or as a baby. The kids will get a kick out of seeing you as a child. Now, ask them to draw a picture of what they think Jesus must have looked like at 12 years old.

Have each child trace their hand. Bring measuring tape or stick and measure each person's height. Write it on the hand they have traced.

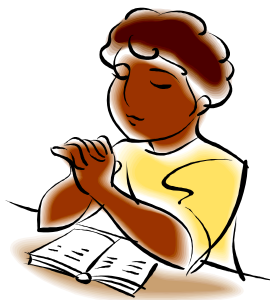
Bring a little sponge in a capsule. Add water and see how it expands. Talk about how Jesus grew and learned more and more about God. Talk about how He obeyed His parents and did what they said.

Share that Jesus would have read from a scroll. Make scrolls using straws (or Popsicle sticks) and paper sacks. Write the memory verse on it. Another idea is to make some scrolls with questions on them from the lesson. Let the children pick a scroll and answer the question.

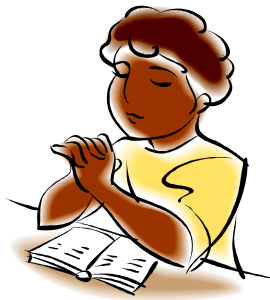
Jesus' parents looked for Him. Play hide-and-seek.

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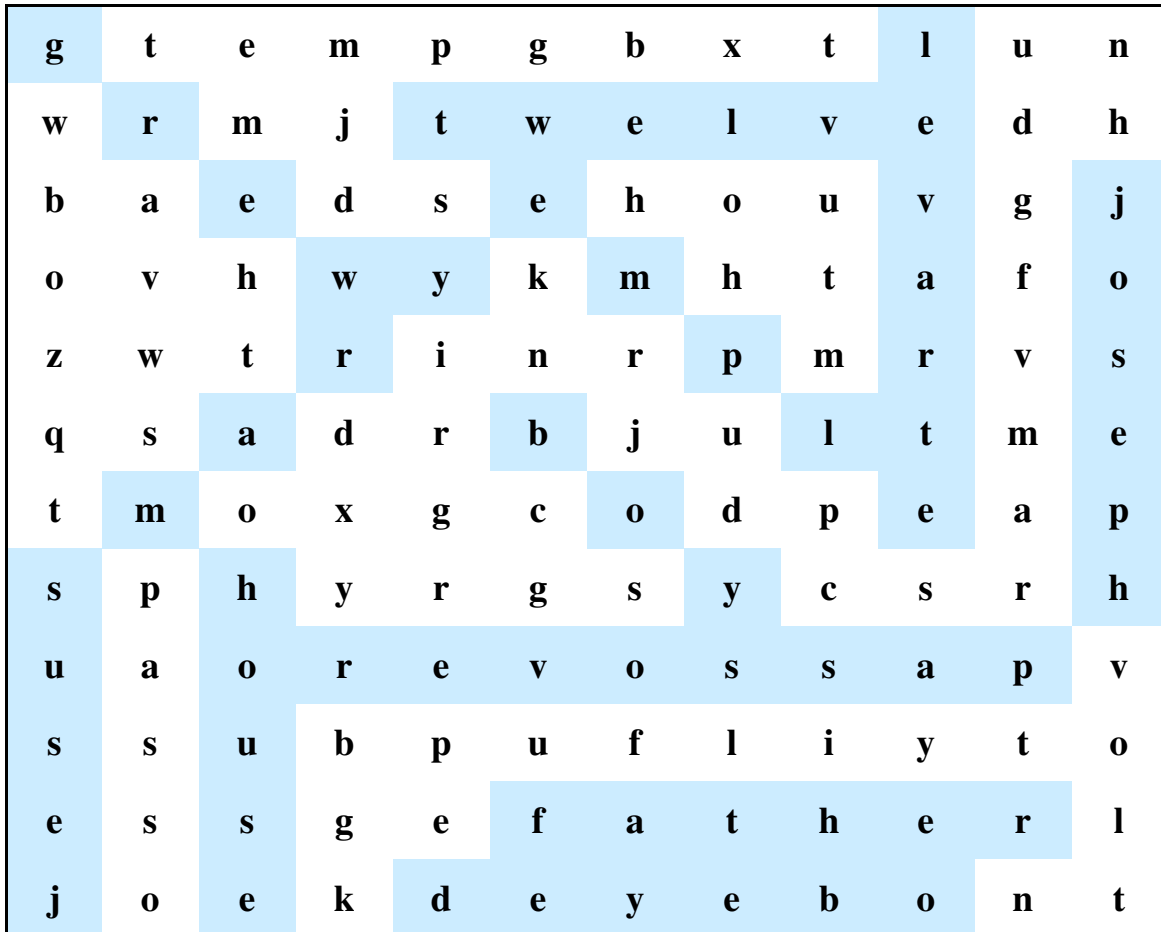


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