

The Boy Jesus

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Luke 2:41-52

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Prepare to Teach

Luke 2:40 says, "And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him." Today's story is about Jesus as He grew up on this earth as a boy. The Bible doesn't say much about this period of Jesus' life on earth. But it does show us a glimpse into one of their family's traditions. Luke 2: 31 says that every year Jesus's parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. The Bible says that when Jesus was twelve years old, they went to Jerusalem, as they did every year. After the feast was over, Mary and Joseph began the return journey home. The trip would have taken about four days by foot, if they were about to walk about 8 to 10 miles a day. It is clear that Mary and Joseph were traveling with a lot of people. On the second day of their journey, they realized that Jesus wasn't with them. Have you ever accidentally left a child behind? There is nothing like that feeling of panic in a parent's heart. After traveling a whole day back to Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph found Jesus back at the temple. He was sitting with the teachers of the law, asking questions. The Bible says that everyone who heard Him speak was amazed at His understanding and His answers. Jesus tells His parents that they shouldn't have been

concerned. He was "in His Father's house." Mary and Joseph must have been in such an interesting position, "raising" the Son of God.

Let's take time today to point out to our preschoolers how Jesus grew in wisdom from the time He was their age. Show how much Jesus loved God's Word. Point out that He is showing He is God, even here in this story! Remember that we are beginning, even now, to build anticipation for Easter. Take every opportunity to point out Jesus as Savior!

Storytime

Today we will read the Bible story from the Beginner's Bible. We will read from pages 296-302. This story is found in Luke 2:41-52.

Today's Art and Coloring Sheets are found in your January packet.

• Jesus Stays at the Temple

Have your child color the picture on front and back. Help them fold the page in so that the outside of the temple is showing. As they work, see if they can retell the story to you.

• The Boy Jesus in the Temple coloring sheet

Pray About What You Have Learned

Dear God, Thank you for Your big plan! Thank you for the true story today about Jesus as a boy. Thank you for the love He showed for the Bible. Please give (my child's name) a love for You and for Your Word. In Jesus name, Amen