

## Bible Story 29: JESUS' CHILDHOOD

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 2:41-52

**MEMORY VERSE:** Ephesians 6:1

### BIBLE STORY:

Mary and Joseph went every year to Jerusalem to attend the Feast of Passover. This religious ceremony was observed once a year. When Jesus was twelve years old, He was old enough and went with His mother Mary and Joseph to observe the ceremony. When the Feast of the Passover was over, Mary and Joseph began their journey back to their home in Nazareth. After traveling for a day, they looked for Jesus. Where was Jesus? They could not find Him!

Mary and Joseph returned to Jerusalem. They looked everywhere for Jesus. After one, two, three, yes, after three days they finally found Jesus in the Temple. Jesus was listening and asking the teachers questions. Everyone admired Jesus' understanding and His answers to questions.

Mary asked, ***"My Son, your father and I have been worried and anxious. We have been looking for You. Why did You act this way?"***

Jesus replied, ***"Why were you looking for Me? I have been here in My Father's house."***

Jesus obeyed His parents and returned to His home in Nazareth with them.

Jesus grew in wisdom, physically and in favor with man and God.

### PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How can you apply this story to your life?

## **PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS**

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

## **PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS**

1. How old was Jesus when He went with His parents to attend the Feast of the Passover at the Temple in Jerusalem?
2. Is it important for you to go to church? Why?
3. What did Mary and Joseph do when they finished the Passover Feast?
4. After a day's journey home, what happened? What did Mary and Joseph do?
5. How long did it take Mary and Joseph to find Jesus? Where was Jesus?
6. Have you ever been lost, separated from loved ones or friends? What are some things you can do to protect yourself in case you are ever lost?
7. What did Mary ask her son Jesus?
8. What did Jesus say and do?
9. Jesus obeyed his parents and went home with them. Should you obey your parents, even when they do not understand what you are doing? Why?