

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 172: THE BOY JESUS VISITS THE TEMPLE
LUKE 2:39-52

Joseph and Mary finished doing all the things that the law of the Lord commanded. Then they went home to Nazareth, their own town in Galilee. The little boy Jesus was developing into a mature young man, full of wisdom. God was blessing him. Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. When Jesus was twelve years old, they went to the festival as usual. When the festival was over, they went home, but Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. His parents did not know about it. They traveled for a whole day thinking that Jesus was with them in the large group. They began looking for Him among their family and close friends, but they did not find Him. So they went back to Jerusalem to look for Him there. After three days they found Him. Jesus was sitting in the Temple area with the religious teachers, listening and asking them questions. Everyone who heard Him was amazed at His understanding and wise answers. When His parents saw Him, they wondered how this was possible. And His mother said, "Son, why did you do this to us? Your father and I were very worried about you. We have been looking for you." Jesus said to them, "Why did you have to look for me? You should have known that I must be where my Father's work is." But they did not understand the meaning of what He said to them. Jesus went with them to Nazareth and obeyed them. His mother was still thinking about all these things. And Jesus grew in wisdom and also in size, and God became more pleased with Him, and so did the people.

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“And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.” **LUKE 2:46-47**

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MEMORY VERSE:

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." LUKE 2:52

Review Questions

True or False

1. Jesus' parents went to Rome every year for the Feast of the Passover.
2. When He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem as usual.
3. When they left the festival, they traveled back to their home, and they knew that Jesus was not with them.
4. They traveled a whole year without knowing Jesus was not with them.
5. When they did not find Him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for Him.

Questions

1. How many days did it take them to find Jesus in Jerusalem?
2. Where did they find Jesus?
3. What was Jesus doing in the Temple?
4. What did everyone think about Jesus in the Temple?
5. What did Mary say to Jesus when they found Him?
6. What did Jesus say to her?
7. After they left and went back to Nazareth, Jesus grew in these two things. What were they? Were they wisdom and size?
8. Was God growing more pleased with Him? How about all the people?

Lesson 172 Game

"Mother, May I?"

Have your class stand in rows facing you and play "Mother, May I?"

Call on a name of an individual and give them a command, For example, "Johnny, please put your finger on your nose." Johnny should respond by saying, "Mother, may I?" You then respond by saying, "Yes, you may."

If the child does not respond by saying, "Mother, may I?" he must sit down and is out of the game.

Play for a while until the remaining players get it, and consistently ask, "Mother, may I?"

With this illustration, explain to the children the importance of Obedience, just as Jesus was obedient to His parents when He returned back to Nazareth with them.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer requesting that the Lord will help them to be obedient to Him. Ask that the Lord will help them grow spiritually as well as physically. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.