

Jesus at the temple

Luke 2 : 40-52

Unit 19, Lesson 4

What we learned

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, raise from the dead and rescue people from sin.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Passover was the biggest holiday for the Jewish people so Jesus' parents brought Him to Jerusalem to celebrate God saving His people from slavery.**
 - Passover was when God's people placed the blood of a lamb on their doorposts to show that they are His people. John called Jesus the Lamb of God. Do you think of lambs as innocent animals or mean animals?
 - When it was time for the travelers to head home from Jerusalem, His parents couldn't find Him: they found Jesus at Temple. What do you think Jesus did there?
 - We should thank Jesus by loving others and helping others the same way that Jesus did. Jesus was obeying His Heavenly Father by separating from His parents but God wants us to be safe by staying near our parents. Why?
- 2. Jesus was 12 years old when he listened to the teachers at the Temple and asked great questions that showed how much he understood.**
 - Why is it good to ask questions? How do questions help us learn?
 - Do you ever feel like people do not listen to you because you are young? What do you wish adults would hear you say?
 - Verse 40 says, "the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him." How can you grow and become strong and filled with wisdom?

Memory Verse for this unit

"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners— of whom I am chief."

- 1 Timothy 1:15

Pray Together

Spend time this week praising God for the ways that He is committed to His people and the ways He has redeemed us. Pray together that God would bring new life and new hope to members of your family, your neighbors, and our city through the Gospel.

Ask each member of your family – adults included – to share one thing they would like prayer for. Have someone to pray for that person’s request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.

Luke 2:52 says “Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” We can thank God for this reminder that even though Jesus was fully God, Jesus chose to become like us. It also reminds us that because Jesus grew in wisdom and height and favor with God and man, that He invites children to do the same. James 1:5 says that if we lack wisdom, God gives it abundantly to those who ask. We can all be in prayer throughout this week for God’s wisdom and strength and favor, trusting that God answers because His Word says He will.

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