

Pre-Lesson Downloads -

#20 - Jesus at the Temple - At the age of 12

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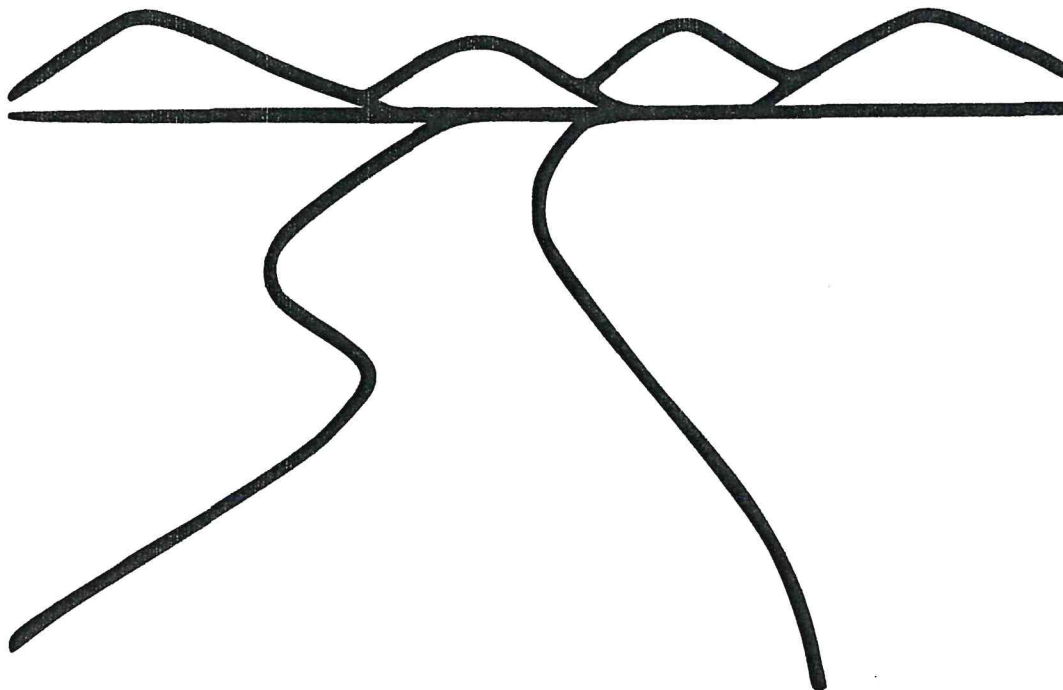
Dear Families: There is very little found in the Bible about Jesus' early life after His birth. A few glimpses are revealed: Luke 2:39 tells us that He grew up in Nazareth. Matthew 13:55-56 says His father was a carpenter and His younger brothers were James, Joseph, Simon and Judas, and that He had sisters. He grew up in a devout Jewish home and Luke 2:40 says He "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him. Mark 6:3 calls Him a carpenter. That makes a lot of sense because the eldest boy in that time usually followed in the father's footsteps. The Bible does not say, but it is likely that Jesus supported Himself as a carpenter until He began His ministry at about the age of 30. There is one big story about His young life and that is the lesson for today. God Bless!

Bible Text: Luke 2:41-52

Now every year His parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but His parents did not know it. Assuming that He was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for Him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for Him. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. When His parents saw Him they were astonished, and His mother said to Him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what He said to them. Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Bible Verse:

Show me Your ways Lord; teach me Your paths. Psalm 25:4



Materials:

*Rebus chart story – For young ones just learning to read. The child “reads” the pictures after an adult or reader identifies the pictures. The child and the reader read the page together.

*1 coloring page *1 box writing page *1 Missing letter page *1 Fill in the Blank page

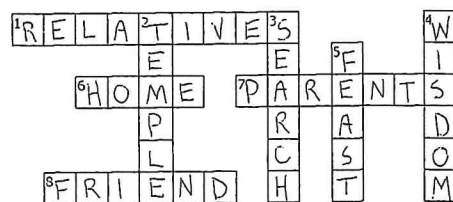
*1 Crossword page *1 Maze page

Answers to Puzzles:

1. temple
2. relatives
3. parents
4. searching
5. teachers
6. feast
7. friends
8. house
9. home
10. mother

1.	L	R	E	L	A	T	I	V	E	S	A	N	R	D	H	H	W
2.	S	I	E	A	G	P	Q	H	O	U	S	E	G	O	K	X	V
3.	E	M	R	V	L	B	B	T	E	M	P	L	E	U	E	Z	K
4.	G	F	D	N	L	Z	H	O	M	E	P	R	P	O	B	Q	V
5.	Q	X	B	O	F	F	R	E	N	D	S	V	D	E	K	O	J
6.	Y	H	P	I	A	G	E	F	E	A	S	T	D	S	Z	X	A
7.	D	E	G	O	S	E	A	R	C	H	I	N	G	J	C	Q	W
8.	O	V	Y	I	U	P	A	R	E	N	T	S	B	J	W	S	Y
9.	X	Q	T	E	A	C	H	E	R	S	T	E	H	P	X	L	L
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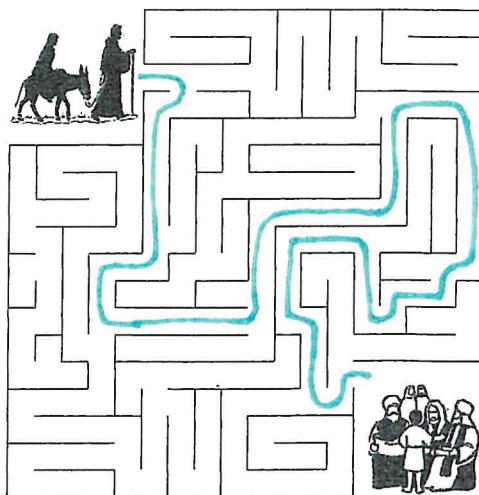
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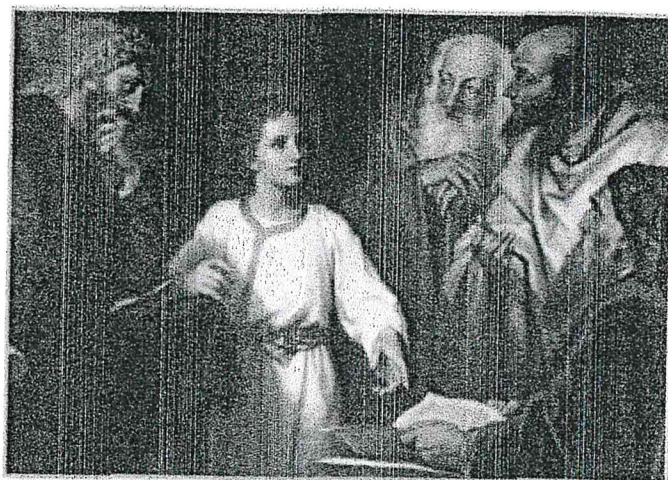
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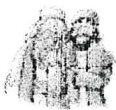










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Paraphrased from Luke 2:41-49

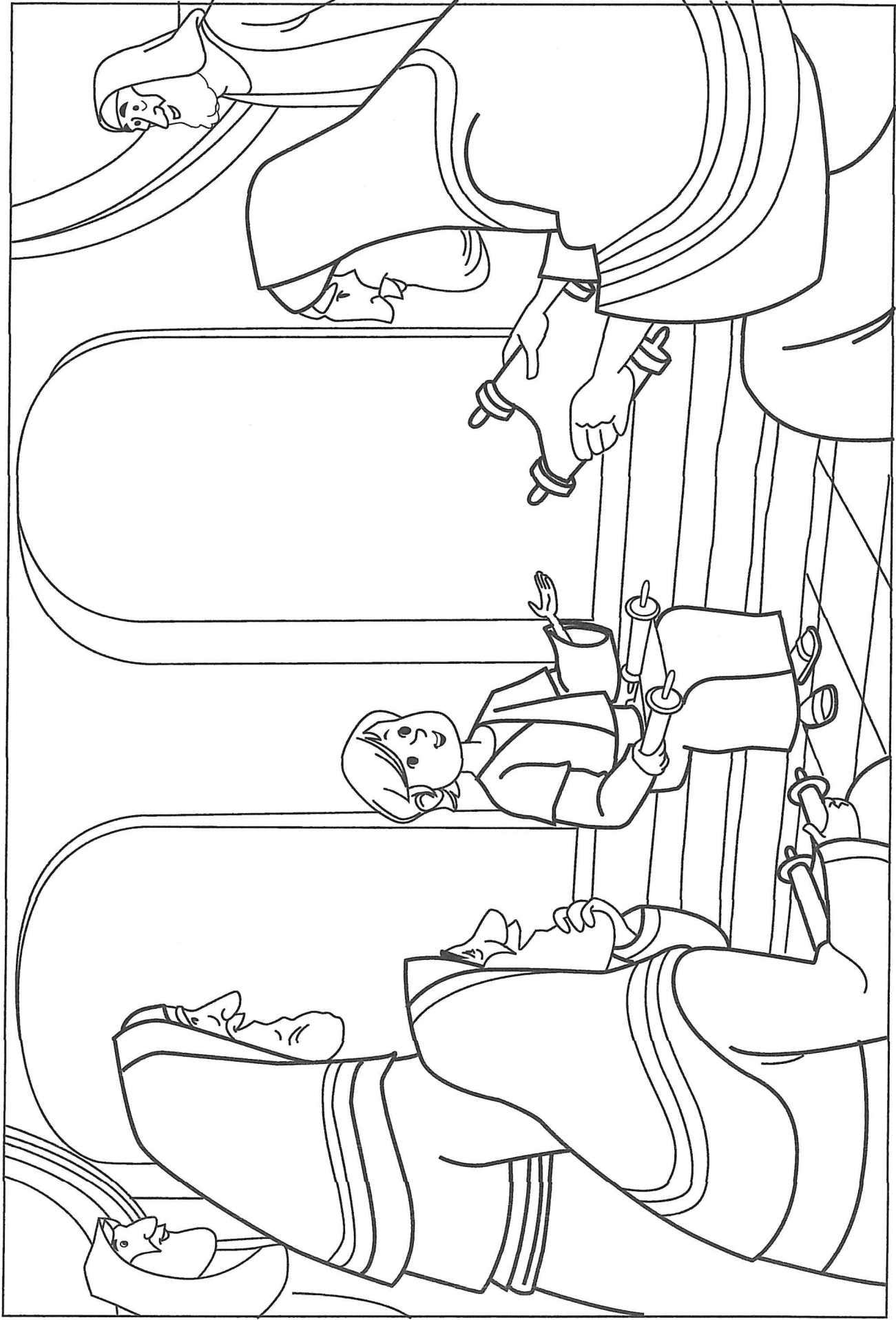


Jesus Christ Teaches at the Temple



 grew  up in the city of Nazareth. As a boy,  learned many things and was strong in spirit. When  was **12** years old, He went with  and  to a celebration in . After the celebration,  and  started  home. They thought  was  with His . When  and  started looking for  , they could not find Him. They went back to  to look for  . They looked for  days. They found  at the temple,  with some  . The  were surprised at how much  knew.  told  she had been worried about Him.  told  and  that He had been doing Heavenly Father's work.  went back to Nazareth with  and  .

Where was Jesus coloring Page



The Boy Jesus in the Temple

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" Luke 2:49 (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

9.

10.

parents	home	friends	teachers	searching
feast	relatives	temple	mother	house

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Each line of the puzzle has one word hidden in a list of random letters. The blank space is a missing letter that belongs to that word. Fill in the missing letter.

1.	L	R	E	L	A	T	I	V		S	A	N	R	D	H	H	W
2.	S	I	E	A	G	P	Q	H		U	S	E	G	O	K	X	V
3.	E	M	R	V	L	B	B	T		M	P	L	E	U	E	Z	K
4.	G	F	D	N	L	Z	H	O		E	P	R	P	O	B	Q	V
5.	Q	X	B	O	F	R	I	E		D	S	V	D	E	K	O	J
6.	Y	H	P	I	A	G	E	F		A	S	T	D	S	Z	X	A
7.	D	E	G	O	S	E	A	R		H	I	N	G	J	C	Q	W
8.	O	V	Y	I	U	P	A	R		N	T	S	B	J	W	S	Y
9.	X	Q	T	E	A	C	H	E		S	T	E	H	P	X	L	L
10.	W	L	B	H	D	K	C	M		T	H	E	R	D	G	E	V

parents	home	friends	teachers	searching
feast	relatives	temple	mother	house

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

When Jesus was _____ years old, he went with his _____ to Jerusalem for the _____ of the _____. After the Feast was over, they were returning home when his parents realized that _____ was not with them. They returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After searching for _____ days, they found him in the _____ sitting with the _____.

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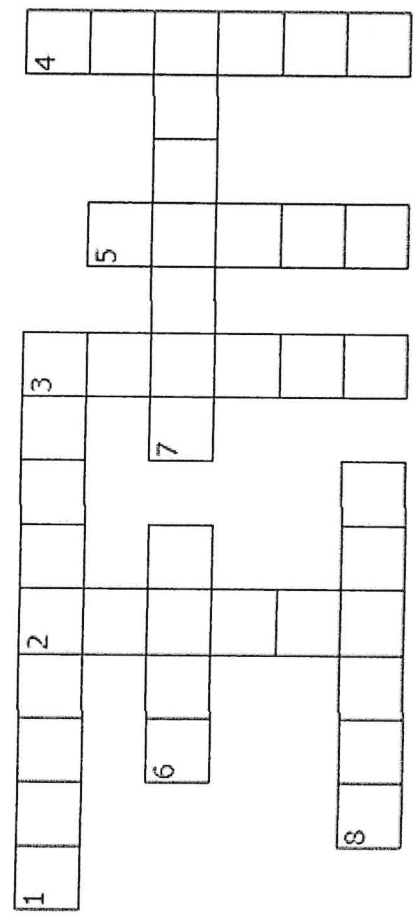
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Paraphrased from Luke 2:41-49

Father's	house	parents	teachers	three
Feast	Jesus	Passover	temple	twelve

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Luke 2:46 (NIV)
Puzzle is based on Luke 2:41-52



ACROSS

- 1. People related by kinship, common origin, or marriage.
- 6. A place where a person or family lives; a residence
- 7. A father and mother
- 8. Someone you know, like, and trust

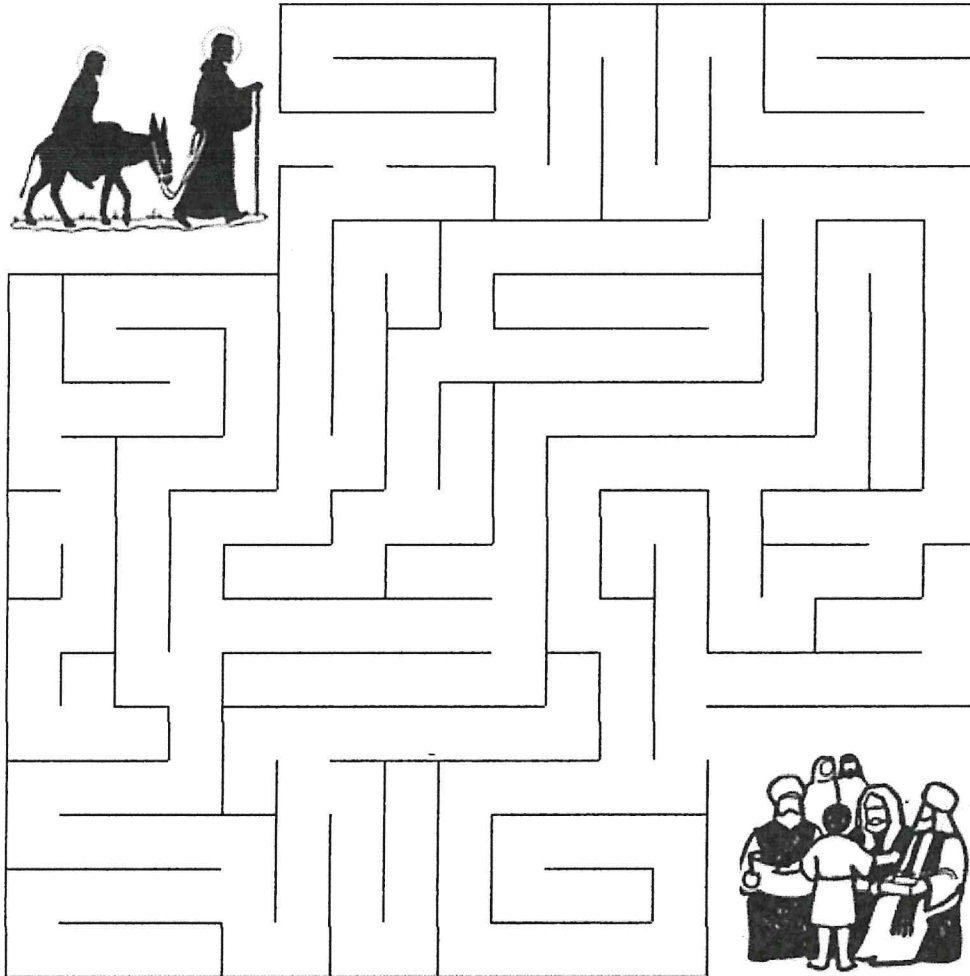
DOWN

- 2. A building used for religious ceremonies or worship
- 3. To look carefully in order to find something
- 4. The ability to judge what is true or right
- 5. A large meal; A periodic religious festival

PARENTS	RELATIVES	TEMPLE	WISDOM
FRIEND	FEAST	HOME	SEARCH

Mary and Joseph Search for Jesus

Can you help Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple?



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Luke 2:45-46

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