

12-YEAR-OLD JESUS GOES TO HIS HEAVENLY FATHER'S TEMPLE

Introduction

Jesus' family lived in Nazareth. Nazareth was a small town. It was about 140 kilometers north of Jerusalem. Jerusalem is the capital of Israel – and Creator God's temple was in Jerusalem.

Luke 2:41-52

41Every year, Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for a big, important festival. [Many, many people in Israel went to the festival every year.]

42When Jesus was twelve years old, Jesus and his parents went to the festival in Jerusalem. 43After the festival finished, Jesus' parents went home to Nazareth. But Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. But his parents did not know it.

Jesus' parents did not know that Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. 44His parents thought: Jesus is with our relatives – Jesus is with our friends. So Jesus' parents traveled for one day.

Then Jesus' parents looked for Jesus. They asked their relatives: Did you see Jesus? They asked their friends: Did you see Jesus? 45But Jesus' parents did not find Jesus. So, they went back to Jerusalem.

46After three days, Jesus' parents found Jesus in the temple. Jesus was sitting with the teachers of the Bible. He was listening to the teachers [talk about God and the Bible]. He was asking the teachers questions.

47Some people heard Jesus talking to the teachers – and the people were amazed. The people were amazed at Jesus' answers. They were amazed because Jesus understood many things [about God and the Bible].

48When Jesus' parents saw Jesus, they were amazed. Jesus mother said to him, "Son, why did you do this to us? Your father and I were very worried – we were worried and looking for you."

49Jesus asked them, "Why did you look for me? Don't you know? Don't you know that I must be in my Father's house." 50But Jesus' parents did not understand what Jesus said.

51Then Jesus went to Nazareth with his parents – and he obeyed his parents. And Jesus' mother thought about all these things in her heart. She thought: These things are very special.

52Then, Jesus grew four ways: [1] He became wiser; [2] his body grew bigger; [3] God loved him; and [4] people loved him.

CONTENT QUESTIONS**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- **Where** did Jesus' family live? (introduction)
- Where was the temple? (introduction)
- **How far** was it **from** Nazareth to Jerusalem? (introduction)
- How old was Jesus? (verse 42)
- Where did Jesus and his parents [Joseph & Mary] go? (verse 42)
- After the festival, where did Jesus' parents go? (verse 43)
- But what did Jesus do? (verse 43)
- Did Joseph & Mary know that Jesus stayed in Jerusalem? (verse 43)
- When did Joseph & Mary **start** looking for Jesus? (verse 44)
- **How long** did Joseph & Mary look for Jesus? (verse 46)

If you could not find your child for 3 days, how would you feel?

- Where was Jesus? And, what was Jesus doing? (verse 46)
- How did the people feel who heard Jesus? (verse 47)
- Why were they amazed? (verse 47)

Why, do you think, 12-year-old Jesus could ask good questions and give good answers?

- How did Jesus' parents feel? (2 things in verse 48)

Why do you think Jesus' parents were amazed?

- What did Mary, his mother, say to Jesus? (verse 48)
- What did Jesus answer his mother? (verse 49)
- Did Joseph & Mary understand Jesus' answer? (verse 50)

Do you understand Jesus' answer? What do you think Jesus meant?

**Who is Jesus' Father?
What is his Father's house?**

Why do you think Jesus wanted to be at the temple?

- Did Jesus have a good **attitude toward** his parents? (verse 51)
- How did Mary think about Jesus? (verse 51)
- How did Jesus grow? (verse 52) [**mentally/morally, physically, spiritually, socially**]

Are these good things to pray for our children?

What ways do you want your children to grow?

Why was Jesus special? What made him special?

Heavenly Father	天の父、父なる神様
temple	神殿
introduction	前置き
family	家族、科 (生物学の分類学)
live	生きる、住む
small - smaller - smallest	小さい・より小さい・最も小さい
town	町
kilometers	キロメートル
Jerusalem	エルサレム (イスラエルの都)
north	北
capital	都
Israel	イスラエル
Creator God	創造者、創造主、天地創造の神様
every	あらゆる、すべての
year	年
parent (parents)	親 (両親)
go - went - gone	行く、去る
big / bigger / biggest	大きい・より大きい・最も大きい
important	大切、重要な、大事な、重大、優れる、えらい (人)
festival	祭り (過越祭)
many	多くの、大勢の
person / people (1 person / 2 people)	人、人格のある者
when	その時、という時に、いつ
after	の後、ののち
finish	終わる
home	家庭
but	しかし
stay	いる、待つ、止まる、泊まる、滞在する、そのままに、残る
know - knew - known	知る
think - thought - thought	思う、考える
relatives	親類、親戚
friend	友

travel	旅する
look for	探す、求める
ask	尋ねる
find - found - found	見つける
go back - went back - gone back	戻る
Bible	聖書
question	質問、問い
some	何人か、いくらか
hear - heard - heard	聞く、聞こえる [pronunciation = heer - hrd - hrd]
amaze	驚く、不思議に思う
answer	答える、答え
understand - understood - understood	理解する
son	息子
why	なぜ、どうして
worry	思い煩う、心配する
must	しなければならない
be	いる
obey	聞き従う、従う
heart	心
special	特別、特別な、特徴ある、特殊、大事な、大切な、大切
grow - grew - grown	育てる、背が高くなる、生える、結ぶ、(野菜を) 作る、大きくなる、成長する、育つ
way	道、方、方法、生き方、やり方、仕方
wise / wiser / wisest	知恵に満ちる、知恵ある
body	体、(キリストの) 体 (である教会)
love	愛する

where	どこ
how far	どのくらい (の距離)
from	から

start	始める、始まる
how long	どのくらい（の長さ・の時間）
if	もし
can - could - could	できる
feel - felt - felt	感じる
mean - meant - meant	意味する
want	欲しい、欲しがる、望む、求める、やりたい
attitude	態度
toward	～に対する、向く
mentally	知的に、精神的に
morally	道徳的に
physically	肉体的に、身体的に
spiritually	霊的に
socially	社会的に
pray	祈る
for	のために