

Twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple

Luke 2:40-52

The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

Every year Jesus' mother and father traveled from their town, Nazareth, to a city called Jerusalem. They went to the Passover Feast at the temple, which was their church. When Jesus was 12-years-old, He went with His parents to Jerusalem for the feast. They went because God wanted them to go. Jesus was a different child than us - Jesus never sinned.

After the feast was over, Jesus' mother and father started the journey back to Nazareth with all the other people returning there. Jesus, however, stayed behind in Jerusalem by Himself. His mother and father did not know Jesus had stayed in Jerusalem. They thought He was safe with other friends and family.

Mary and Joseph walked for a whole day. When they could not find Jesus, they went back to Jerusalem to look for their boy.

Mary and Joseph looked and looked for their Son. After three days they found Jesus. He was in the temple. The teachers were all around Him. Jesus was listening to the teachers. He was asking the teachers questions too. Everyone who heard Him could hardly believe how much Jesus knew about God's Word.

When Jesus' mother and father saw Him, they were very surprised. His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Look, your father and I have been very worried while we looked for you."

Jesus told His mother and father that He did not know why they were looking for Him. He was doing God, His Father's work. He knew He must be learning more of God's Word. But Jesus' mother and father really did not understand what Jesus said to them.

Then Jesus went back to Nazareth with His parents and obeyed them always. Mary, His mother, remembered all these things that happened. Jesus kept growing wiser and stronger. God and men admired Jesus very much.

Jesus listened and learned God's Word.

God wants us to listen and to learn His Word .

Passage

Luke 11:28 "Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it."

Hymn TLH 16 v. 1

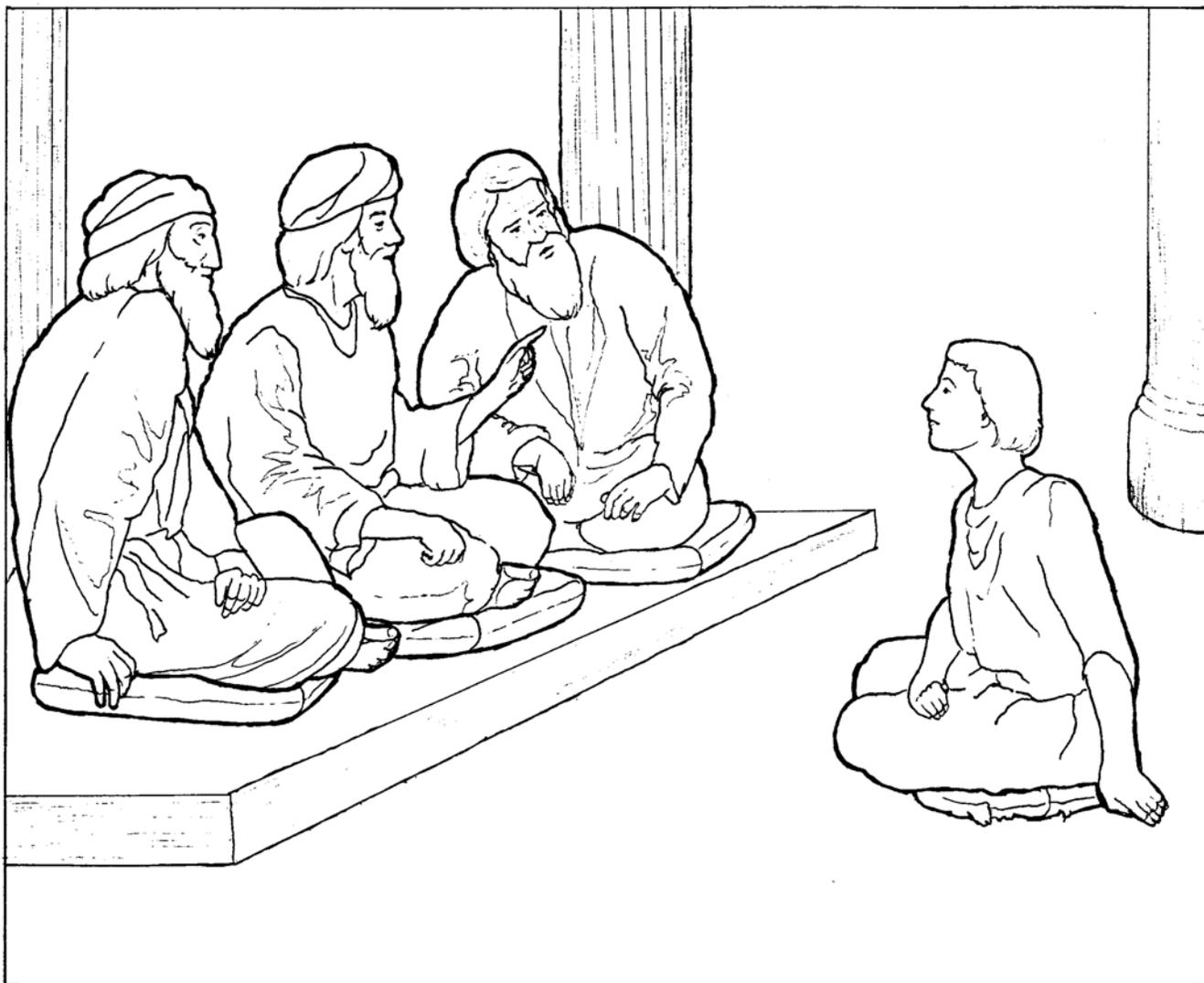
Blessed Jesus, at Thy word
We are gathered all to hear Thee;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear Thee,
By Thy teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love Thee solely.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, Thank You for giving us Your Word.
Help us to joyfully learn it. Amen.



Classroom Activity - Have the children look at the picture below and help them do the following activity.



1. Circle the teachers with blue.
2. Circle Jesus with red.

Classroom Art Activity - Refrigerator Magnet

or Bookmark

- Have the children color the picture. Then cut out the cross and make it into a refrigerator magnet by gluing a magnet to the back or make it into a bookmark by making a hole in the top and threading ribbon through the hole.

