

Twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple

Luke 2:40-52

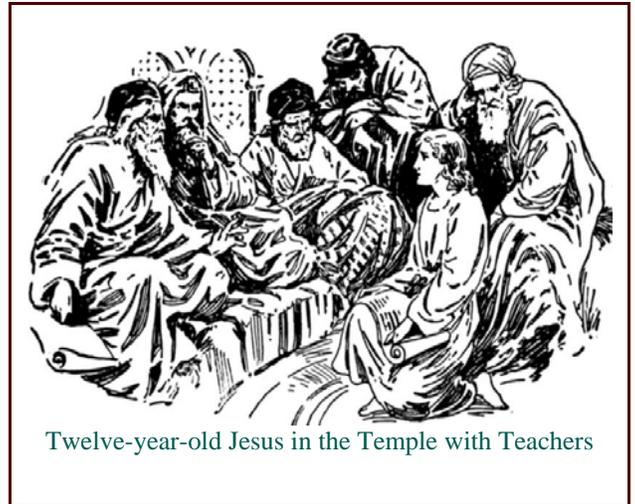
What do you think the boy Jesus is doing?

Do you think He is happy to be there? Why or why not?

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Make our hearts willing to hear Your Word. Let us joyfully use the opportunities we are given to learn Your Word. Help us to treasure it and remain Your children throughout our lives. Help us to always obey You and our earthly superiors. Amen.



Twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple with Teachers

Twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple - Luke 2: 40-52

And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. {41} His parents went to Jerusalem according to the custom of the [Passover] feast.

{43} When they had finished the days, as they returned, the boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; {44} but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. {45} So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

{46} Now so it was that after three

days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. {47} And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

{48} So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." {49} And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" {50} But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

{51} Then He went down with



them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. {52} And Jesus

increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Outer Aim The Boy Jesus came to do His heavenly Father's business.

What the Story Tells Us - Tell whether the sentences are True or False. Correct the false statements.

1. _____ Jesus went to Nazareth with His parents for the feast of the Passover.
2. _____ After the feast, Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem.
3. _____ Jesus did not tire of listening to God's Word.
4. _____ After one day Joseph and Mary found Jesus.
5. _____ Jesus was learning God's Word from the teachers.
6. _____ Jesus was doing His heavenly Father's work.
7. _____ Jesus obeyed His parents.

What God's Word Tells Us - Circle the word in each statement that makes it correct.

1. God wants us to (despise, treasure, bury) His Word.
2. God's Word has (no errors, a lot of errors, just a few unimportant errors).
3. It is good for us to hear God's Word (when it is convenient, sometimes, continually).
4. We should hear and learn God's Word (eagerly, reluctantly, half-heartedly).

Your Turn - Use the commandments and passage below to answer the questions.

4th Commandment

Honor your father and mother that it may be well with you
and you may live long on the earth.

How did Jesus in this lesson obey this commandment?

3rd Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

How did Jesus in this lesson obey this commandment?

Psalms 84:10 - For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Explain how this passage applies to the story.

Passages

Psalms 122:1 - I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house
of the Lord."

Luke 11:28 - (Jesus said) "Blessed are those who hear the word of God
and keep it!"

Psalms 119:105 - Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Hymn - TLH 297 v. 1, 3, 4, 6

The Gospel shows the Father's grace,
Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
That man might thus be justified.

It brings the Savior's righteousness
Our souls to robe in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release
And gives the troubled conscience peace.

It is the pow'r of God to save
From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith, which firmly clings
To all the treasures which it brings.

May we in faith its tidings learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord our Righteousness!

Prayer

Dear Father in heaven,

Even as a little child, Jesus did Your will and worked for our salvation. Help us to live thankful lives, eager to hear Your Word, and to obey not only You but those whom You have placed over us for our care. And when we fall, bring us back to You in repentance and faith, trusting in Your forgiveness and the salvation that Jesus, Your Son through His perfect obedience, gained for us. We pray, trusting in Jesus, Amen.