

Twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple

Luke 2:40-52

How is Jesus doing His Father's business in this picture?

How should we regard God's Word?

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 keep it and remain Your children throughout our lives. In Your Name we pray. Amen.



Twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple with Teachers

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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 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.



Recalling Details - Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

1. Jesus and His parents traveled to _____ for the _____ of the _____.
2. The feast of the Passover lasted for _____. (Ex. 12:12,19)
3. When the feast was over, Jesus stayed in _____.
4. Joseph and Mary searched for Jesus for _____ days.
5. They found Him in the _____ doing _____.
6. When Jesus spoke of "My Father" He was referring to _____.
7. Jesus returned to _____ with His parents.

What God Tells Us

1. How does the Bible tell us that Jesus was paying attention to His teachers?
2. How can we follow the good example that Jesus set for us in the temple? (Check two)
 - () By being attentive to the sermon and singing the hymns with joy in church.
 - () By helping our neighbor when he is in need.
 - () By gladly hearing and learning God's Word at home.
3. Which commandment did Jesus fulfill by learning God's Word?
4. Which commandment did Jesus fulfill by obeying God?
5. Which commandment did Jesus fulfill by obeying His parents?
6. Jesus increased in wisdom. How can we increase in wisdom? (John 5: 39)

Inner Aim

Jesus willingly treasured God's Word perfectly for us.

Commandments and Passages

1st Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

How did Jesus fulfill this commandment in the story?

How can we follow His example?

3rd Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

In this story how did Jesus fulfill this commandment?

How can we follow His example?

Hebrews 4:15 **"For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin."**

Hebrews 7:26 **"For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners."**

How would you explain these passages to someone else and how they relate to this story.

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.