JESUS' TRIP TO THE TEMPLE



Text Truth: Jesus grew and learned.

Bible Verse: Jesus grew in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and people. Luke 2:52

Bible Verse Paraphrase: Jesus grew and learned, and He pleased God and people. Luke 2:52

LUKE 2:40-52

Jesus and His family lived in Nazareth. Jesus grew and learned many things. Everything Jesus did was pleasing to God.

Jesus' family celebrated the festivals and special days as God told them to do. Every year Jesus' family traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. When Jesus became 12 years old, He was old enough to go to the festival.

It was an exciting time! Families walked together on the road to Jerusalem. When they got to the city, the people worshiped.

When the festival ended, families began their trip back to Nazareth. All day long the people walked. Grown-ups probably talked while children skipped and played.

At the end of the day, families prepared to rest. Mary and Joseph looked for Jesus, but they could not find Him. "Have you seen our boy, Jesus? Is He with your family?" Mary and Joseph asked their friends and relatives.

But no one had seen Jesus all day.

Mary and Joseph walked back to Jerusalem to search for Jesus. Jesus' family had a surprise. They discovered Jesus in the temple with the teachers! Jesus had been listening to the teachers and asking them questions all this time! The teachers were amazed that Jesus understood everything.

When Mary and Joseph saw Jesus, they said, "Son, why have You frightened us so? We've been looking for You."

Jesus answered, "Why were you looking for Me? Didn't you know I had to be in My Father's house?" Then Jesus left with His parents to go back to Nazareth. Jesus continued to grow and learn and to please God and people.

Match the Pictures

How do the pictures help you remember the Bible story?

Draw lines to connect pictures that are the same.















