

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

Luke 2:40-52

Key Verse: 2:49

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"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

1. Read verses 40-42. Where and how did Jesus grow up? What was his parents' custom? What does this show about them? Where was the Passover feast and what did it celebrate? (Ex 12:13-14) Why is it important to remember and celebrate what God has done?
2. How old was Jesus when he went with his parents to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover? What was special about his being twelve years old?
3. Read verses 43-47. How did Jesus' parents lose him? When did they miss him? Where and how long did they look before finding him? How must they have felt? When they found him, where was he, and what was he doing? Why were the people amazed?
4. Read verses 48--50. Why were his parents astonished? How and why did his mother rebuke him? How did the boy Jesus respond to his mother? What does this answer mean? (1:35) What is the difference between "father" and "Father"?
5. Describe Jesus' attitude in Bible study (46,47). What does this show about him? (See Dt 6:5,6) What does it show about him that he "had to be" in his Father's house? (KJV says "...about my Father's business...." (Jn 2:16)
6. Read verses 51-52. When Jesus' parents didn't understand him, what did he do? Why did Jesus, son of God, have to be obedient to his earthly parents? If he was perfect, why did he have to grow? What example did the boy Jesus set? What was his mother's attitude toward her son?