

# JESUS GREW IN WISDOM AND STATURE

Luke 2:41-52

Key Verse: 2:52

**“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.”**

1. What custom did Jesus’ parents practice (41-42)? What does this show about them? What was significant about Jesus being a twelve-year old Jewish boy?
2. When and how did Jesus’ parents notice that he was missing (43-44a)? What did they do (44b-45)? Where did they find him?
3. What was Jesus doing for three days in Jerusalem (46-47)? What does this show about Jesus? Why is this important?
4. When they saw him, how did his parents respond (48)? What did Jesus say? What did Jesus mean by saying, “my Father” (49)? What do the words “had to be in my Father’s house”<sup>1</sup> show about Jesus’ identity and priority? Did his parents understand him (50)?
5. After this event, what was Jesus’ attitude toward his parents, and why (51)? Read verse 52. In what ways did Jesus grow? Why was this important for Jesus, the Messiah? In what ways should we grow, and how can we?

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<sup>1</sup> The King James Version reads, “...about my Father’s business...” The Greek words literally mean, “...about my Father’s things...”