THE BOY JESUS AT THE TEMPLE

Did you know that the Bible talks about Jesus when he was just a kid? In this story, you'll meet Jesus the twelve year old and his parents, Joseph and Mary.

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Reflecting God - God Sends a Savior

1. Luke 2:46 says that Jesus was in the temple "listening" and "asking questions." Did you ever wonder how Jesus learned things? How do you learn best?
2. Have you ever been so excited about an event that you didn't want to leave? Jesus felt like that about being in the temple talking to experts about God's word. As you listen to this story, think about what gets you so "in the zone" that you lose track of time.

Memory Verse

After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

After You Listen

Do you like to listen to family stories? In Luke 2:41-52, Jesus was learning in the temple with the priests and teachers for three days! His parents were frantic, but he was happy listening to stories about his Father and asking questions. Not only was he learning the teachers' ideas, he was asking questions that amazed the priests. When Joseph and Mary found him, Jesus said that he had been doing "my Father's business".

Just like Jesus said, we also need "be about my Father's business." Luke 2:52 says that "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." When we grow in wisdom, we spend time reading God's word, the Bible, and asking questions about it. Talk with your parents and church youth leaders about God's word. Listening to podcasts like this is another good place to start. What questions do you have? Who specifically can you ask?

Want to dig deeper and learn more about the joys of God's word? Check out Psalm 119:9-16, Proverbs 4:20-23, and Psalm 19:7-11. These are some of the same passages that Jesus would have learned.

Challenge

Christians are adopted into God's family, so the Bible is our family story too, just as it was for Jesus. You are a part of God's story too. What is your favorite story about your Father God or your brother Jesus? Draw a picture of the story. Label it "My Family Story." Share it with someone else.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: Where did Jesus' family go to celebrate the Passover?

Answer: Jerusalem

Question 2: Why didn't Mary and Joseph notice that Jesus was missing until the end of the day?

Answer: They thought he was with other relatives.

Question 3: How long did Mary and Joseph search for Jesus?

Answer: Three days

Question 4: Where did they find Jesus?

Answer: At the temple

Question 5: What did Jesus call the temple?

Answer: My Father's house

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