

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

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Unit 1, Session 1

CONNECTION POINT:

Our faith develops as we grow in Christ and live out His mission.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: In the passage today, we get the only glimpse of Jesus as a growing child when he was twelve years old. While the passage doesn't offer a lot of information on what He was like as a child, it reveals Jesus' heart and passion for His Father. Even when He was young, Jesus knew that He must be in His Father's house, learning and growing spiritually in an understanding of God and His ways.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

Live It Out: Fold two sheets of paper together and guide your child to draw pictures of things he likes to do at church. Say that he is growing and learning about God.

When Jesus was 12 years old, He went to the temple in Jerusalem with His parents, Mary and Joseph, to celebrate a festival.

When the festival was over, everyone started the journey home. After they had traveled for a day, Mary and Joseph began to look for Jesus. They could not find Him.

Mary and Joseph went back to Jerusalem to look for Jesus. After three days, they found Jesus at the temple. He was listening to the teachers and asking them questions.

Mary said to Jesus, "We have been looking for You everywhere."

Jesus answered, "Didn't you know I would be at the temple?"

Jesus went home with His parents and did what they told Him to do. Jesus continued to grow and learn.

KIDS

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

Live It Out: Talk with your child about Bible stories he hears, Bible verses he is learning, and songs he is singing. Help him discover what these things are teaching him about God.

When Jesus was 12 years old, He went to Jerusalem with His parents for the Passover. After the celebration was over, Mary, Joseph, and a group of family and friends returned home. They stopped for the night and realized that Jesus was not with them.

Mary and Joseph returned to Jerusalem. They searched for three days before they found Jesus in the temple. He was listening to the teachers and asking questions. The teachers were amazed at how much Jesus understood. Jesus' parents asked why He stayed.

"Why were you looking for me?" Jesus asked. "Didn't you know that I had to be in my Father's house?" But Mary and Joseph did not understand what Jesus meant.

Jesus returned home to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph. Jesus continued to obey His parents.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

- What would it look like for you to prioritize and take initiative to learn about the Father?
- Why should we strive for understanding and not just knowledge about the things of God?
- How is our mission similar to Jesus' mission?

Live It Out:

It's important that we prioritize learning and growing in Christ like Jesus did. With your student, discuss how learning and growing in Christ could influence those around him or her. Ask your student how focusing on this could affect relationships at school or at church. How could your student make learning and growing in Christ a priority?