

# JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

**Bible Reference: Luke 2:41-52**

**Date: 1/4/26**

**Age: 2's/3's**

**1st Service**

**Memory Verse:**

**"Come to me and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28**

**Theme:**

**Jesus Heals  
Our Brokenness**

## **Schedule**

- **Arrival/Attendance/Directed Play.....8:55-9:10**
- **Clean Up and Gather For Story.....9:10-9:15**
- **Bible Story.....9:15-9:30**
- **Craft/Coloring Page:.....9:30-9:40**
- **Friends from Afar.....9:40-9:50**
- **Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....9:50-10:05**
- **Snack Time at Tables.....10:05-10:15**
- **Free Choice Play.....10:15-10:40**

## **Notes and Reminders**

**Happy New Year! We are so grateful to have you as a part of our KidMin Shepherd team at LEFC! We pray that you will continue to see God move in the hearts and lives of the children in your class and in your own life this year!**

# OUTLINE



## Arrival/Attendance/ Directed Play

8:55-9:10

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door. Set up the activities and introduce the children to the lesson through these activities. Encourage the kids to participate in both activities as they play together. You may need to ask the kids to come to the different areas so all of them have the opportunity to participate

### Find Jesus

- Have all the children close their eyes. Hide the picture of Jesus somewhere around the room. Choose the difficulty of the hiding place based on the age of the children. Have the children open their eyes and look for the picture of Jesus. Continue playing as time and interest allow. You may choose to have the kids hide the picture for each other to find.
- **SAY** Great job everyone, you found Jesus! Today, we are going to hear a story about a time when Jesus got lost.

### How Tall Are We?

- Use the section of poster paper taped to the wall to mark the top of each child's head. Write their name next to the mark for their height. Explain that all of our friends are different heights because some friends grow faster than others.
- **SAY** In our story today, we are learning about Jesus as he grows up! He is learning, which means his brain is growing! We are learning and growing too. Which of our friends is growing fastest?





## Clean Up and Gather for Story

9:10-9:15

Invite the children to begin cleaning up toys and putting away their activities at 9:10. Then remind them to meet at the carpet for Bible story time. Remind the children that we are going to do our best to be good listeners.


## Bible Story

9:15-9:30

### Welcome Song

- Welcome all the children by singing their welcome song
- (Tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
- First let's clap our hands like so
- Then reach down and touch our toes
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
  - You can call a group of children names to welcome them and they can stand up and wave if you'd like.

The words from today's story are written below. They are taken from pages 296-302 in the Beginner's Bible (2005/2016 edition). Feel free to use the printed images in your bin or the physical Bible in your room to tell the story. Jesus is Lost! (Luke 2:41-52)

- Jesus grew up in Nazareth. Every year, Jesus and his family would go to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover Feast.
  - When Jesus was twelve, they went to the Feast as usual. The streets were crowded with people.
  - On the way back home to Nazareth, Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus. They asked their relatives and friends "Have you seen Jesus?" But no one knew where he was.
  - Mary and Joseph went back to Jerusalem. They looked and looked for Jesus.
  - Finally, after three days, they found him! Jesus was talking with the teachers in the temple. The teachers were amazed. Jesus was very wise for such a young boy.
  - Mary and Joseph rushed to Jesus. "We were so worried about you!" said Mary.
  - Jesus knew God was his Father. He said, "I had to come to my Father's house." He loved and obeyed his parents, too. So he returned home with them and grew stronger and wiser.
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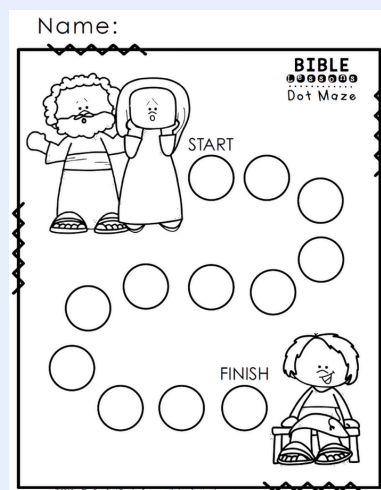
## Craft/Coloring Page

9:30-9:40

After the story, have the children go to their tables and prepare for a craft to go along with the lesson. Our **BIG IDEA** of the week is: **Jesus Heals Our Brokenness!**

Pass Out the **Dot Maze Craft Sheet**. Give each child a dot marker. They will use the dot markers to fill in each circle to help **Mary and Joseph** find **Jesus**! You may also place crayons on the table for the children to color the characters as well.

As children finish, distribute the coloring page with today's story on the back for children to complete. Have the children place both the craft and coloring sheet in their bin when they are finished.



## Friends from Afar

9:40-9:50

You will find today's activity for **Friends from Afar** in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's **Global Partner** family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.







## Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer

9:50-10:05

There is a list of songs for today's lesson on the TV. Use the directions located with the remote to access them.

**Prayer** (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- Dear God, Thank you for helping Jesus to grow with you! Help us to follow his example as we grow. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen!

### Memory Verse

- "Come to me and I will give you rest." **Matthew 11:28**
- Explain that God wants to help us when we need him. Teach the children the motions for this verse:
  - Come to me- point your thumbs toward yourself
  - and I will give- lay your hands flat in front of you with palms up
  - you rest- lay your cheek on your hands like you are sleeping
- Have the children join you in saying the verse and doing the motions several times to practice. Ask the children if anyone would like to do the verse on their own. If someone needs help, have them pick a friend or do it with them. If no one volunteers, repeat as a class twice more.

## Snack Time at Tables

10:05-10:15

Prior to serving the snack have the children use hand sanitizer before choosing a seat at the table. Each child will have veggie straws on a napkin and a small cup of water. **NOTE:** some children with allergies will have their own snack or drink...parents usually remind shepherds of this at drop off. If a question, please contact Kid Min Staff in hallways. Thanks.

While the children are eating their snack, please read the read aloud book that is in the bin labeled Read Aloud book for snack time. Thanks.





## Free Choice Play

**10:15-10:40**

Once the snack and read aloud are finished, the children may choose free play until their parents come to pick them up.

At dismissal, please make sure to check the child's tag number to match the parent's tag. Have the children take home any papers from their bin. Finally, check them off the attendance as being picked up (the last column for the date).

Thanks so much for shepherding the little ones this week. We appreciate you!







# Jesus Is Lost!

Luke 2:41–52

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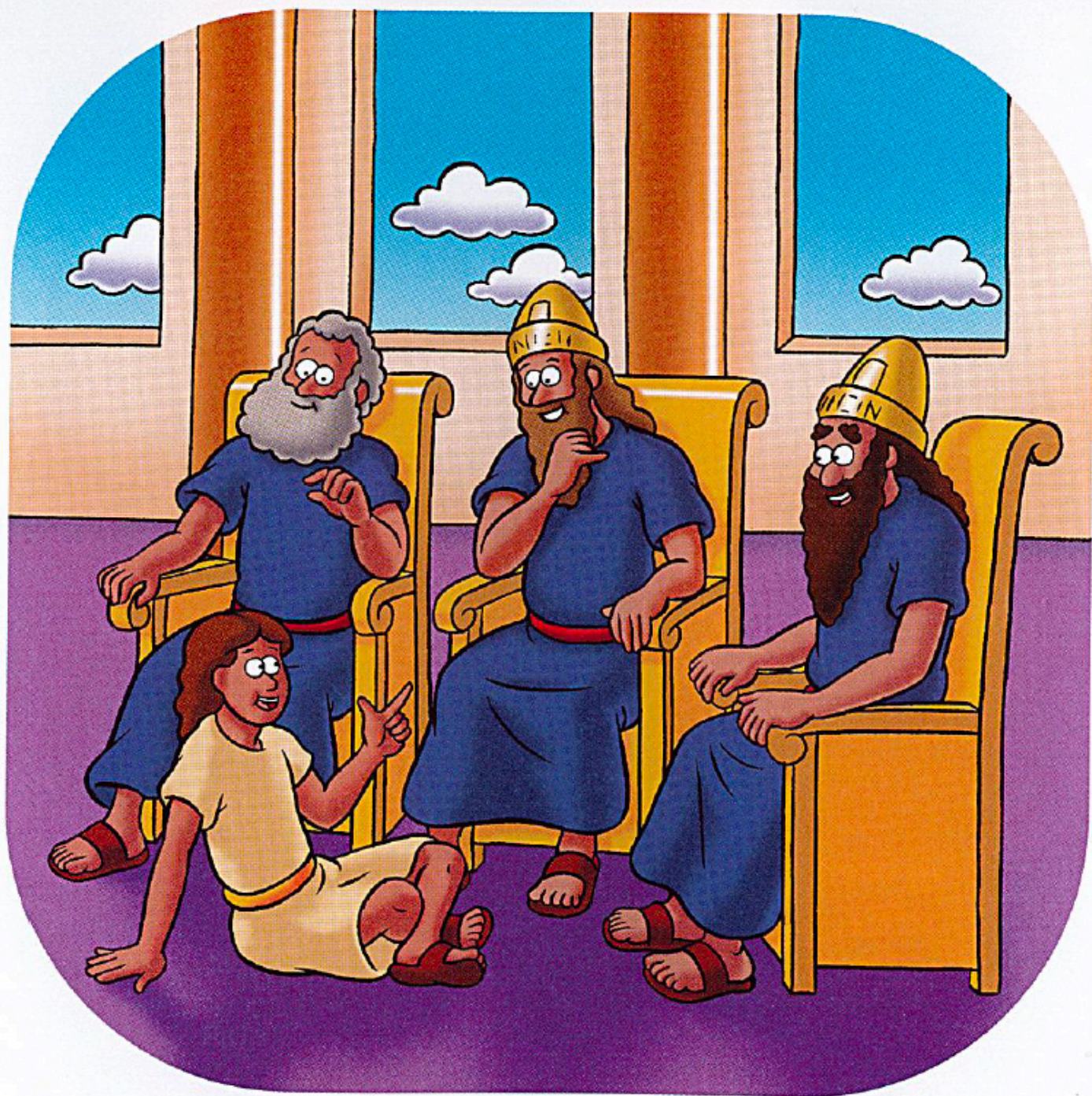
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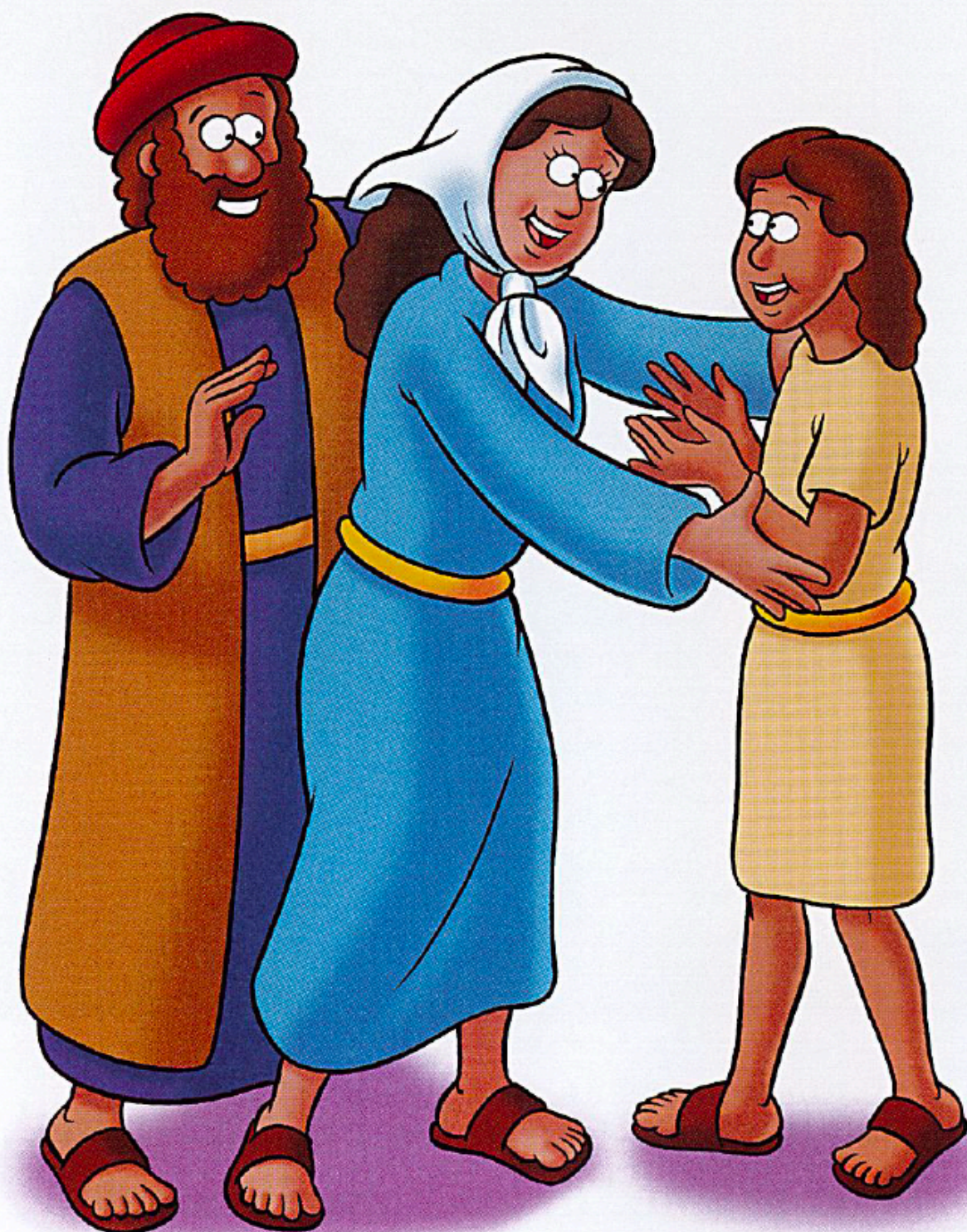
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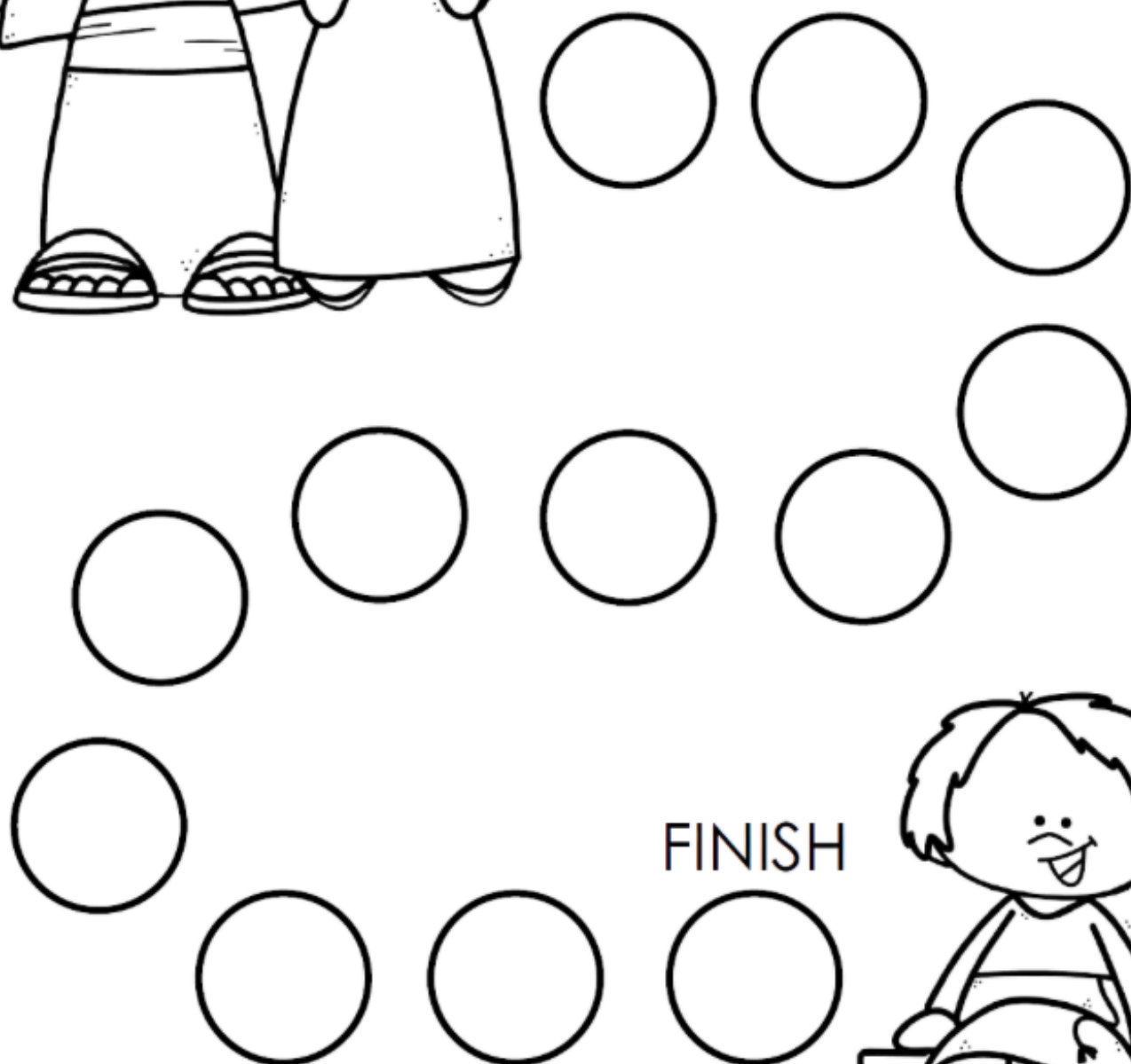


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**BIBLE**  
**Lessons**  
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Dot Maze



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# Mary and Joseph look for Jesus.

Luke 2:41-52

Crowds of people were on their way home. They had been to Jerusalem for a special celebration. Mary and Joseph were there. They were walking and talking with their friends. They thought Jesus was there in the crowd, too. They thought Jesus was walking and talking with His friends.

Mary and Joseph and their friends walked all day. When it began to get dark, Mary and Joseph started looking for Jesus. Jesus should be here somewhere Mary must have thought. Mary and Joseph did not find Jesus. Mary and Joseph were worried. What happened to Jesus? Did He get hurt? Is He lost?

They hurried back to Jerusalem. Mary and Joseph looked and looked. Finally they found Jesus. He was sitting in the Temple! Jesus was listening to the teachers. Jesus was asking them questions. The teachers were amazed at Jesus. The teachers were learning from Jesus even though He was just a boy. Mary asked Jesus, "Why are you here? We have been looking for you."

Jesus said, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" Jesus went home with Mary and Joseph. Jesus obeyed them.

