

BIBLE STORIES AND CHARACTERS

The Boy Jesus at the Temple

Luke 2: 40-52



Vocabulary

Wisdom

According to

Custom

Passover

Acquaintances

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Amazed

Behaved

Increased

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The child Jesus was growing, and was becoming strong in spirit, being filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. His parents went every year to Jerusalem at the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast of Passover, and when they had fulfilled the days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem.

Joseph and his mother Mary didn't know it, but supposing him to be in the company of their relatives, they went a day's journey, and they looked for him among their family and acquaintances. When they didn't find him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking for him.

It happened after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them, and asking them questions. All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

When they saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you behaved like this to us? Behold, your father and I were anxiously looking for you." He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" They didn't understand the saying which he spoke to them.

And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth. He was subject to them, and his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Teacher's Notes

The Boy Jesus at the Temple

The child Jesus was growing, and was becoming strong in spirit, being filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. His parents went every year to Jerusalem at the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast of Passover, and when they had fulfilled the days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem.

Paragraph 1:

Jesus became strong in spirit; filled with wisdom. We become strong in spirit and filled with wisdom by spending lots of time with God in prayer and in His word. Wisdom comes from God.

The grace of God was upon him: God gave Jesus favor and ability and enabled him to understand things far beyond his year and maturity.

According to Jewish custom at 12 years old a boy entered into his father's occupation and service. Jesus said to Mary that he must be about his father's business. Joseph, his earthly father was a carpenter.

Joseph and his mother Mary didn't know it, but supposing him to be in the company of their relatives, they went a day's journey, and they looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances. When they didn't find him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking for him.

Paragraph 2:

The custom of the feast of Passover commemorates the Jewish people coming out of Egypt. Jews were commanded to go to Jerusalem. There was a large gathering from Nazareth, so his parents didn't notice one day that Jesus wasn't with them. Passover celebrated the angel of death passing over the houses of the Jews in Egypt because the blood had been applied to the door frames, while the 1st born of the Egyptians all died. (See **Romans 6:23** "The wages of sin is death"). God's judgment of sin was not applied to those whose homes were under the blood, just as the blood of Jesus covers us.

It happened after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them, and asking them questions. All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

Paragraph 3:

Jesus was at the Temple at 12 years old both listening to and asking questions of the teachers. He had entered into his heavenly Father's work.

When they saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you behaved like this to us? Behold, your father and I were anxiously looking for you." He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" They didn't understand the saying which he spoke to them.

Paragraph 4:

"Did you not know I must be about my Father's business." Jesus knew he was the Son of God at 12 years old and He was to teach the people the ways of God.

And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth. He was subject to them, and his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Paragraph 4:

Nazareth: Jesus lived in Nazareth which fulfilled prophecy. “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

The Bible tells us in Acts 17:26 that God determines the exact place where we should live.

Jesus returned here to be obedient to his earthly father and mother until he was approximately 30 years, the age at which a Jewish man could enter the priesthood.

Vocabulary

1. Wisdom – the ability to make the best use of knowledge; good judgment
2. According – agreeing, conforming to
3. Custom – frequent or common practice
4. Passover – one of the 3 major feasts of the Jewish people
5. Relatives – close family members
6. Acquaintances – friends, or people you know
7. Astonished – amazed, sudden surprise
8. Amazed – extremely surprised; in awe of
9. Behaved – to act in a certain way; the way you conduct yourself
10. Increased – become greater in size, quantity or degree

Comprehension

1. Jesus, as he grew up, _____ both in wisdom and in favor with God and man.
2. All who heard him were _____ at his understanding and answers.
3. Joseph and Mary went a day's journey before looking for Jesus among their _____ and _____.
4. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit and was filled with _____ and the grace of God was upon him.
5. _____ is a feast of the Jewish people.
6. When his parents saw him they were _____.

7. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you _____ like this to us?”

8. Now when Jesus was twelve years old, his parents went up to Jerusalem
_____ to the _____ for the feast of Passover.

Grammar: Using “Supposed to”

A) Jesus is supposed to go home with his parents.

IDEA: I expect Jesus to go home with his parents.

NOTE: The idea of “is supposed to” is that Jesus is expected to go home with his parents.

“Be supposed to” is used to talk about an activity or event that is expected to occur.

NOTE: The present form of **be** is used for both future expectations and present expectations

Exercise: Make sentences with a similar meaning by using “**supposed to**”

Example: The parents expect Jesus to go home with them.

Jesus is **supposed to** go home with them.

1. Mary and Joseph expect to go to Jerusalem for the feast.

2. Mary and Joseph expect Jesus to be in their group.

3. They expected him to be at the Temple.

4. They didn't expect him to behave like this.

5. I expect I will be about my Father's business.

6. After the Passover, they are expected to return to Nazareth.

7. He was expected to return to Nazareth and be obedient to them.

8. We expect you to answer the questions correctly.

9. People expect the teacher to know all the answers.

Tips for Teaching a Successful Class

1. Write student names on the board
2. Begin with a short review of yesterday's lessons
3. Orient everyone to the starting page
4. Identify and discuss pictures (write new words on the board)
5. Read and repeat (Class)
 1. Slowly (only a few words at a time)
 2. Clearly (They need to hear the correct pronunciation)
 3. Loudly (So all the students can hear you)
6. Student reading (maybe 1 paragraph)
7. Close book (comprehension quiz)
8. Explain today's grammar lesson
9. Assign questions

Close with reading or verb sheets