

September 3, 2017

## Morning Overview

**Lesson:** *Christ: Jesus in the Temple*

**Lesson Objective** Today we continue in our study of the life of Jesus. The story for this morning is rather short and the only story we have of Jesus as a child. It is important to highlight this to the children as well. It's rather important to note that these are the first words of Jesus in Luke's account. Jesus makes sure to state why He has come to Earth: to do His Father's work! Jesus is faithful to the Father's call upon his life even at the expense, and pain, of his mother and family. This small story foreshadows the larger story of Jesus' obedience to the Father even to the point of death. This obedience to die on the Cross brings sinners life. It also shows us that obedience to the Father is what is most important, and sometimes the most costly.

**Scripture:** Luke 2:39-52

**Story:** Vos Children's Bible, Chapter 6 (Pages 269-271); Gospel Story Book Bible, Pages 162-163; The Beginner's Bible, Pages 304-309.

## 9:30am Sunday Schedule

### Opening Activity

Headbands Junior Game - Use age appropriate set of cards plus a set with 3-4 ways we can grow in wisdom, stature and favor with God and man. *Luke 2:40, 52*

*HeadBanz GROW Version* - Play the HeadBanz game with the children. After you play the game and they are familiar with how it works, use the cards that represent ways we can grow in wisdom (reading the Bible, prayer, talking with mom and dad, listening to others), stature (eating veggies, sleeping, playing, drinking water) and favor with God and man (going to church, serving, helping a friend who is hurting, chores)

### Cherub Church

- Kindergarten/5's – 9:35-10:00 (Classroom's: 162, 163, 121, 123, 124)
- 3's/4's – 10:05-10:30 (Classroom's: 168, 166, 165, 164)

### Craft: Jesus Loved God's Word

**Supplies:** Tan paper, craft sticks (2), glue, yarn tie, crayons/markers

- Instructions:**
1. Glue craft stick to top and bottom of tan paper
  2. Color picture
  3. Roll paper into a scroll
  4. Tie with yarn



### Catechism Relay

Divide children into two groups or do one big group if you want and see how long it takes for everyone to complete the relay. Have each child run down and answer a catechism question by drawing a number out of the bag. Whatever number they draw is the question you ask (see questions and answers on the wall). For older kids, you might have them locate the question on the wall while you ask them to answer. After they answer the question, they go back and tag the next person in line. For each classroom we will have a bag in the room full of items that remind them of each question. See the bag and list in each room labeled "Catechism Relay". Talk about how this relay makes us wise (learning God's Word and His Ways), strong (running) and in favor with God and man (doing our best to help our team succeed, encouraging our teammates).

### Snack

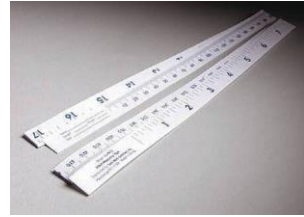
## 11am Sunday Schedule

*Craft: Jesus Grew in Wisdom*

*Supplies: Paper measuring tape, crayons/markers*

*Instructions:*

1. Measure child's height and mark on tape
2. Glue wisdom, stature, favor papers to measuring tape
3. Decorate tape



**Cherub Church for 3's** (Classroom's: 168, 166, 165) – 11:30-11:55

**Story:** *Christ: Jesus in the Temple*

1. **PRAY** for your time and any requests the children may have.
2. **ASK** the transition question: Boys and girls, have you ever been lost? Apart from your mother or father, or even family? It was probably scary wasn't it? Well in our story today, Jesus gets separated from his mom and dad, but He isn't scared at all. Let's find out what Jesus says to his mom and dad when they do find him!
3. **TELL** the Story. Use the Vos Children's Bible, the Jesus Storybook Bible, the Beginner's Bible, or the story below to aid in telling the story. Feel free to edit and adapt to your own style. Include props and teaching aids as you see fit.
4. **REVIEW** the questions to help children understand the story.

**Teaching Summary:**

- God's promises do not change despite circumstances, people and even our inability to believe them. God keeps His promises even when we do not trust Him or follow His commands.
- For many, many years God's people expected the Promised One – a King – to come and make all things right.
- Jesus and his family went to Jerusalem every year for the Passover Feast. At year 12, Jesus does not leave with his family, but stays behind to participate in religious discussion with the religious leaders of that day.
- This interaction left the teachers and many others in the Temple completely amazed.
- Once Mary and Joseph discover, or find, Jesus, his response to their worry is that He, Jesus, is about His Father's work.
- In this story, Jesus grows in maturity – physically, in wisdom and understanding, in favor with men and God.
- The story shows us Jesus' obedience to His Father. His work is to please His Father even if it hurts those Jesus loves, and even if it hurts Himself (the Cross).

## Story

### **Transition**

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### **Jesus Gets Bigger!**

Joseph and Mary finished doing everything that the law of the Lord commanded. They took Jesus to the Temple and dedicated him to the Lord. Joseph and Mary thanked God for Jesus. After all of this, Joseph and Mary went home to Nazareth, their own town in Galilee. Jesus began to grow up. Jesus went from crawling to walking, he began to say words and play with other children. Jesus ran and played and learned many things. The Bible tells us Jesus "became stronger and wiser, and God's blessings were with him."

## **Jesus As a Boy**

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. This feast was a big party where God's people remembered how God saved the Israelites from Pharaoh and the mean Egyptians. [Teacher, you may remind the kids about the 10 plagues and God guiding the Israelites across the Red Sea]. The feast would last for a few days. Lots of Israelites would travel to Jerusalem for the feast.

Just as the Bible said, every year Joseph, Mary and Jesus would pack their things and go to Jerusalem. However, one year things did not go according to plan, at least for Mary and Joseph.

When Jesus was 12 years old, he and his parents went to the feast as they always did. When the feast days were over, Mary and Joseph packed their things and went home. However, Jesus did not go with them.

In Jesus's life, people, especially family and friends, travelled together. When Joseph and Mary travelled to Jerusalem for the feast, they did so with a big group of people. And when they left, Joseph and Mary left with the same big group. As they traveled back to Nazareth, it may have been that Joseph and Mary thought Jesus was on a mule somewhere in the group, but just not beside them. By the end of the day the whole group had stopped to rest, and Mary and Joseph began to look for Jesus. They checked with everyone in their group, but no one had seen Jesus. They called out his name, but no response!

Mary and Joseph were probably very scared. They did not know what happened to Jesus. The boy Jesus had stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. So, Mary and Joseph hopped back on their mules and went back to Jerusalem to look for Jesus there. It took three days for Mary and Joseph to find Jesus – that's a long time! Joseph and Mary found Jesus sitting in the Temple with the other religious teachers of the day. These teachers taught others about God and His Word. Jesus sat with them listening to their lessons and He would ask them lots of questions. Many people had gathered to hear Jesus ask questions. The Bible tells us that "all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and wise answers." Jesus knew God's Word because not only did He help people long ago to write it, but because it was all about Him!

When Jesus' parents saw him, they were amazed. His mother said to him, "Son, why did you do this to us? Your father and I were very worried about you. We have been looking for you." But Jesus asked his parents a question, "Why did you have to look for me? You should have known that I must be where my Father's work is!" Jesus' answer to Mary confused both Mary and Joseph. They did not understand Jesus' words.

This time Jesus went back with his parents to Nazareth. The Bible tells us Jesus obeyed his parents. The Bible goes on to tell us that Mary could not stop thinking about Jesus' words to her: "You should have known that I must be where my Father's work is!" Jesus continued to learn more and more and He also grew up and became a young man. The Bible tells us this at the end of this story, "People liked Jesus, and Jesus pleased God."

## **Conclusion**

The story of Jesus as a young boy shows us that Jesus was obedient to His Father in Heaven. Jesus wanted to do His Father's work, and if that meant causing pain to his mother Mary, Jesus knew He had to be obedient to the Father first. Jesus was going to be obedient to the Father no matter how much it may have hurt; we see this at the Cross. Jesus sacrifices Himself so that we can be saved. Jesus loves us that much!

## Questions for Review

Questions for Younger Children:

- What feast was Jesus and his parents attending?
- What did the Bible say that Jesus grew in?
- What town did Jesus and his parent live?
- Where did the Passover Feast take place?
- How old was Jesus when he stayed behind?
- How long did it take for Jesus's parents to find him?
- Where did they find Him?
- What did Jesus tell his parents he was doing?

Questions for Older Children:

- What does the story tell us about God?
- What does this story tell us about God's faithfulness?
- What does this story tell us about God's love for us?

## Scripture Memory for September:

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)

## Catechism Questions (1-20)