
LIFE OF CHRIST ♦ LESSON #3, *When Jesus Got Lost* ♦ MATTHEW 2:19-23; LUKE 2:39-52

TO HELP US STUDY

1. In what town did Jesus grow up? _____
2. How often did Jesus' parents go to Jerusalem? _____ What religious feast did they attend there? _____
3. How old was Jesus when he was allowed to go? _____
4. When Mary and Joseph started home from the feast, what did Jesus do? _____
_____ Did Mary and Joseph know it? _____
5. How far did they go before they missed Jesus? _____
6. How many days did it take for them to find him? _____
7. When they found him, what was he doing? _____

8. What did Mary say to him? _____

9. What did Jesus answer? _____
10. Was Jesus a disobedient boy? _____ Why do you say this? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones*—Luke 2:49, "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"
Older ones—Luke 2:51-52

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

What was the Passover? List the Old Testament scriptures that record its beginning. Did the Jews keep this feast faithfully from the time it began? What meaning does it have for us as Christians? You can find out most of this by reading about the Passover in a good Bible dictionary.

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

In this week's story there are two outstanding lessons we may want to emphasize to our children:

1) Here is Jesus, a 12-year-old boy, not only interested in the Scriptures, but able to discuss them with the wisest Bible scholars of his time. He is very much aware that he has a responsibility in God's work. He loves to be in the Temple. Even though our children are young, they have a place in God's work, too. Can we use this story to refute the mistaken perception that "church is just for big people"?

2) Verse 52 tells us Jesus was obedient to his parents. If we have taught our children proper respect for Jesus, this verse should hit home. Even Christ had to obey his mother and father.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Eph 6:1-4; Ex 20:12; Prov 1:8-9; 4; 1 Sam 2:26; Col 3:20.