

JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

Luke 2:41-52

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⁴¹Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom.

⁴³After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it.

⁴⁴Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

⁴⁷Everyone who heard him was amazed at his

understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”

⁴⁹“**Why were you searching for me?**” he asked. “**Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?**” ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem?
5		2.) Why did Jesus stay behind in Jerusalem?
5		3.) Why were the people in the temple amazed at Jesus?
5		4.) Why do you think Mary “treasured these things in her heart”?

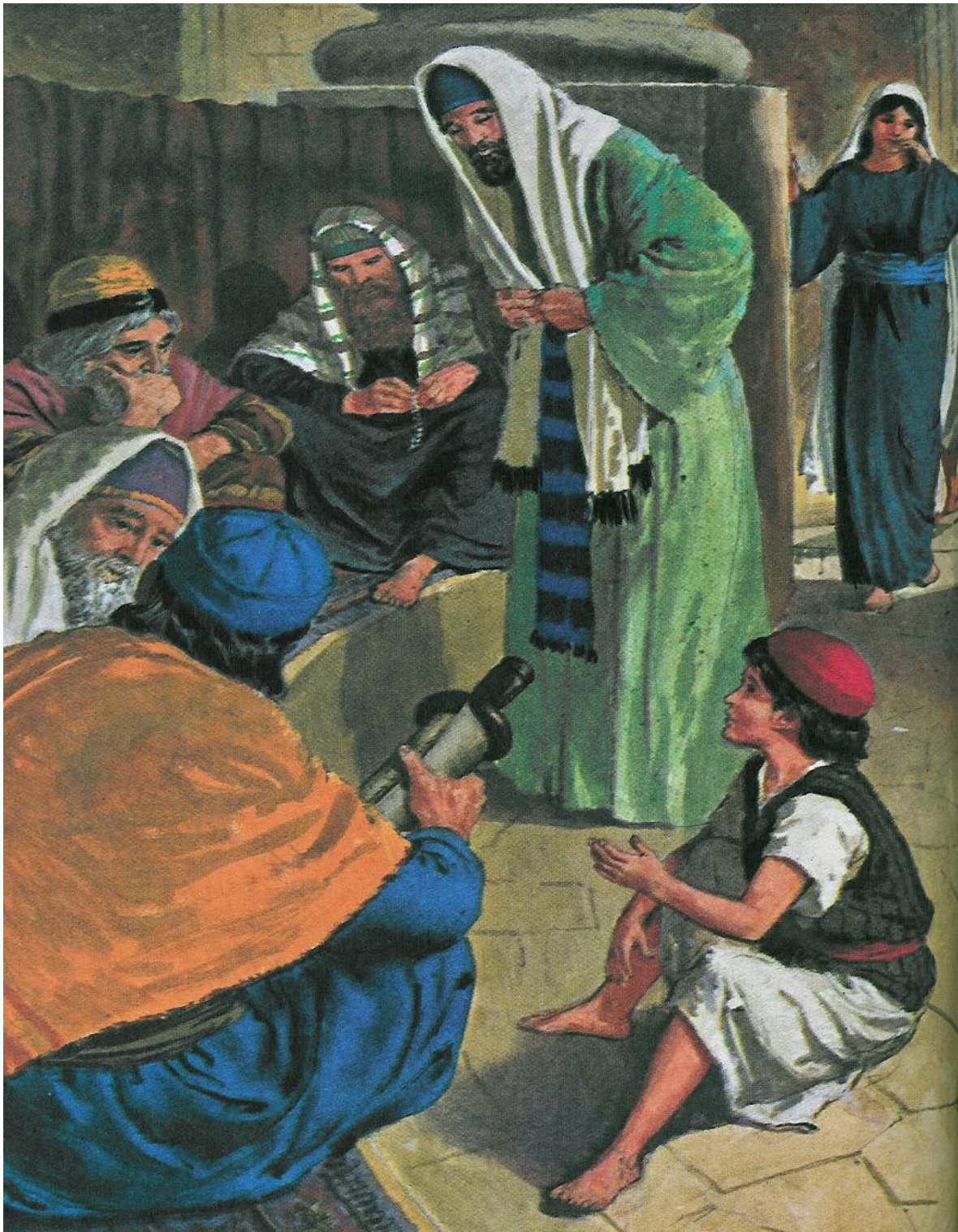
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." Luke 2:52

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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Jesus stays behind in Jerusalem to talk in the temple

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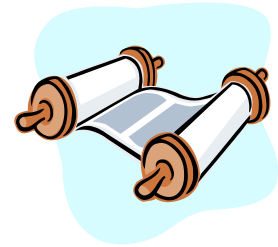
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: SCROLLS

Students will make scrolls to remind them that Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem to talk in the temple with the teachers of the law.

MATERIALS

1. Scroll Pattern
2. Popsicle Sticks
3. Glue
4. Crayons, Markers or Colored Pencils
5. Rubber Bands
6. Scissors



DIRECTIONS

1. Have students color in the letters of the memory verse on the scroll pattern.
2. Cut out the scroll on the solid black line.
3. Roll both ends of the scroll pattern to the center.
4. Glue a Popsicle stick to both ends of the scroll.
5. When the glue has dried, put a rubber band around the scroll to keep it rolled up.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their scrolls, remind them that Jesus was not intentionally disobeying his parents by staying behind in Jerusalem. It stands to reason that Jesus would be in the temple speaking about things of God. It is interesting that Mary “treasured these things in her heart” as would any parent who was proud of his/her son. Help each student realize that Jesus was a child like they are. Jesus was a great example of how even children can talk about things of God. Encourage them to share the gospel message with those around them.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 10 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”
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SCROLL PATTERN

Glue popsicle stick here.

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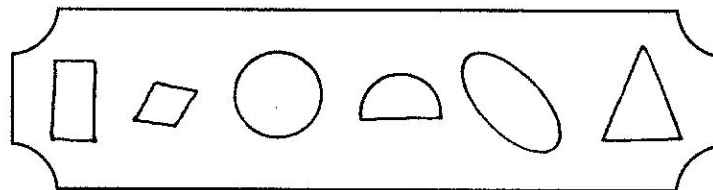
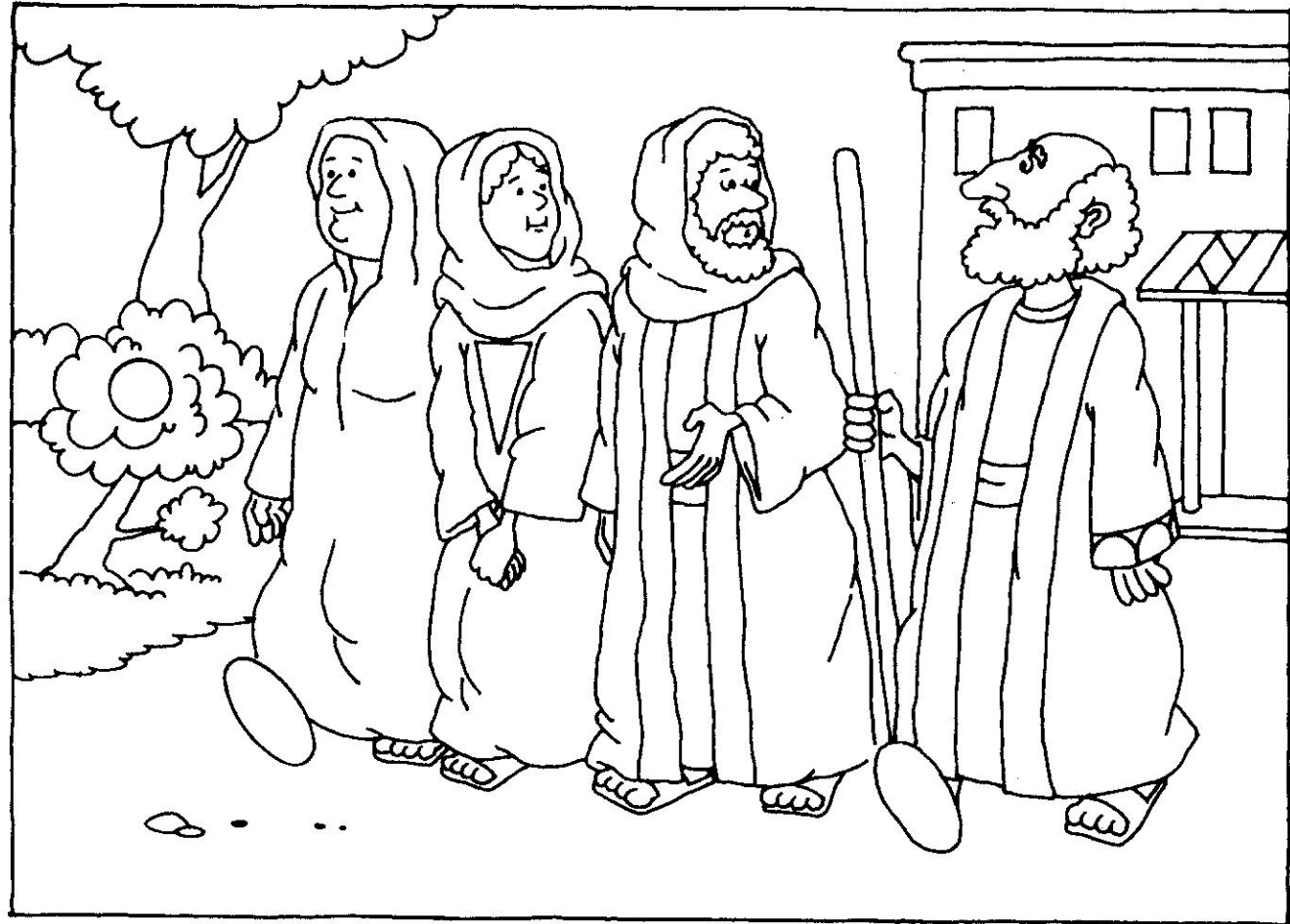
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Find the shapes in the key box in the picture below.

After the Passover celebration, Mary and Joseph began the trip home. They were walking with many of their friends and relatives. Mary and Joseph noticed that Jesus wasn't with them but they thought he was probably walking with some of his friends. However, they soon realized that Jesus had been left behind in Jerusalem.



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Jesus took a special trip each year when He was a boy. To learn about this trip, add or subtract letters to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1. Jesus took the trip when He was $\frac{S+1}{\quad}$ $\frac{T+3}{\quad}$ $\frac{J-5}{\quad}$ $\frac{O-3}{\quad}$ $\frac{T+2}{\quad}$ $\frac{C+2}{\quad}$ years old.

2. Jesus went with $\frac{K+2}{\quad}$ $\frac{C-2}{\quad}$ $\frac{Q+1}{\quad}$ $\frac{W+2}{\quad}$, His mother, and $\frac{L-2}{\quad}$ $\frac{P-1}{\quad}$ $\frac{V-3}{\quad}$ $\frac{G-2}{\quad}$ $\frac{O+1}{\quad}$ $\frac{F+2}{\quad}$, His father, to celebrate Passover.

3. On the trip back, Jesus' parents could not find Him. They thought He was

$\frac{M-1}{\quad}$ $\frac{R-3}{\quad}$ $\frac{R+1}{\quad}$ $\frac{X-4}{\quad}$.

4. They looked for $\frac{F+4}{\quad}$ $\frac{G-2}{\quad}$ $\frac{P+3}{\quad}$ $\frac{V-1}{\quad}$ $\frac{P-3}{\quad}$ in the city for

$\frac{U-1}{\quad}$ $\frac{J-2}{\quad}$ $\frac{Q+1}{\quad}$ $\frac{I-4}{\quad}$ $\frac{I-4}{\quad}$ days.

5. They found Him, talking to the teachers of the $\frac{P-4}{\quad}$ $\frac{B-1}{\quad}$ $\frac{Z-3}{\quad}$ and asking

them $\frac{R-1}{\quad}$ $\frac{T+1}{\quad}$ $\frac{B+3}{\quad}$ $\frac{T-1}{\quad}$ $\frac{S+1}{\quad}$ $\frac{G+2}{\quad}$ $\frac{M+2}{\quad}$ $\frac{O-1}{\quad}$ $\frac{V-3}{\quad}$.

6. Jesus asked why they didn't know that He had to be in His Father's

$\frac{D+4}{\quad}$ $\frac{L+3}{\quad}$ $\frac{S+2}{\quad}$ $\frac{T-1}{\quad}$ $\frac{F-1}{\quad}$.

7. Then Jesus and His parents went $\frac{G+1}{\quad}$ $\frac{L+3}{\quad}$ $\frac{P-3}{\quad}$ $\frac{A+4}{\quad}$.



Write the circled letters from above on these lines:

first word _____ second word _____

Unscramble the two words. Write them in the sentence below.

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON LUKE 2:41-52

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When Jesus was twelve years, they traveled to Jerusalem for the Feast.

When the feast was over, Jesus stayed behind while his parents traveled back home. His parents did

not know that Jesus had stayed behind in Jerusalem.

After traveling for a day, they began to look for Jesus among their relatives and friends. When they could not find him, they went back to Jerusalem.

After three days of searching, they found Jesus in the temple courts. He was sitting with the teachers and asking them questions. Everyone who heard Jesus speak was amazed and his understanding and answers.

When his parents found him, they were surprised. His mother said to him, "Why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you."

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not know what Jesus was talking about.

Jesus traveled back to Nazareth with his parents. Jesus obeyed his parents.

Mary treasured what had happened in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and men.

For more details, please read Luke 2:41-52 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

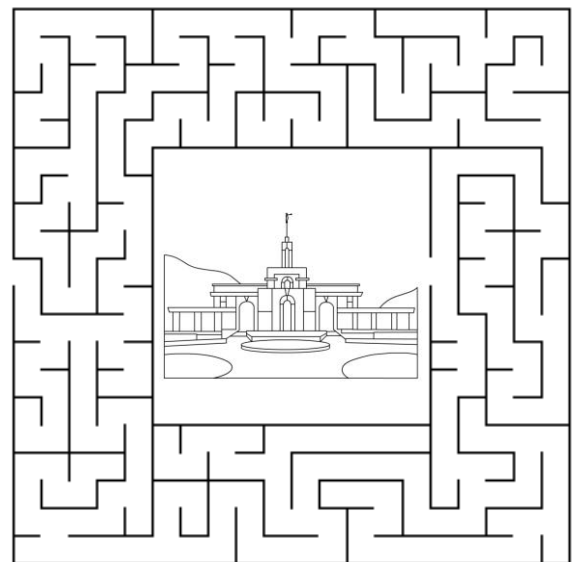
1. Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem?
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3. Why were the people in the temple amazed at Jesus?
4. Why do you think Mary "treasured these things in her heart"?

MEMORY VERSE

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."

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HELP JESUS FIND THE TEMPLE



Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned that Jesus stayed behind and talked in the temple. His parents were worried about him.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Talk about how it feels to lose something. Help your child realize how scary it feels when they think their child is lost.

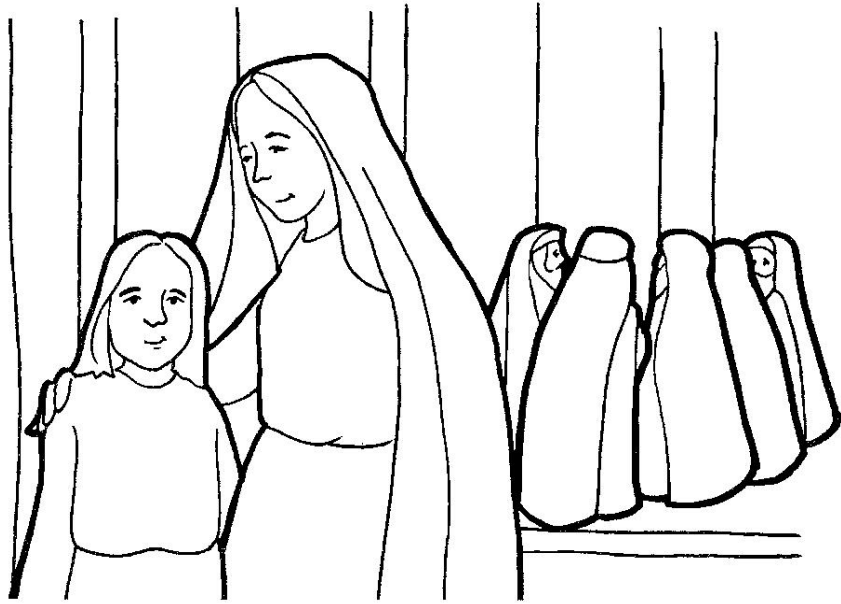
Bible Story Mini Book

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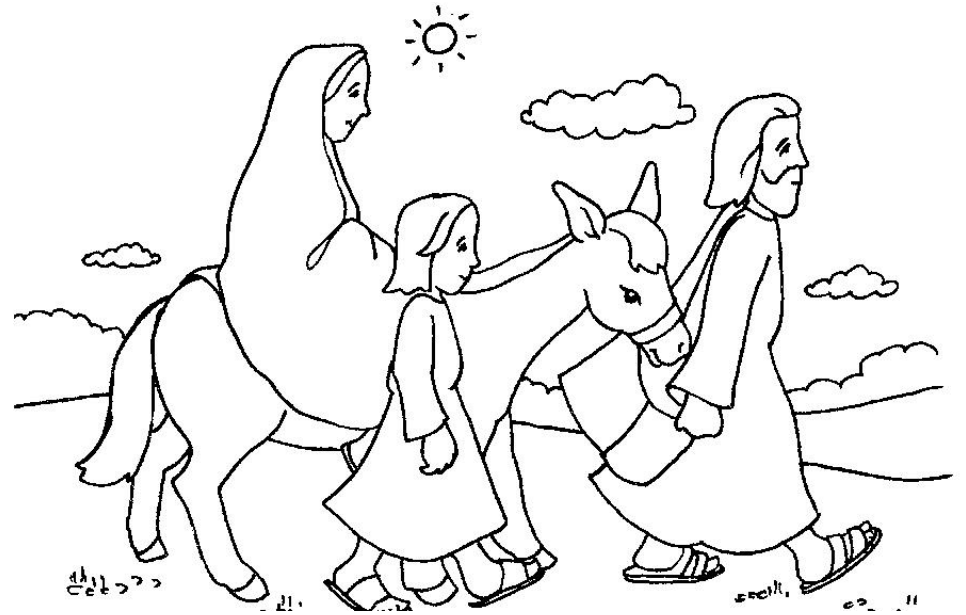


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Mary was worried about Jesus. She found him in the temple. She remembered this in her heart.



When Jesus was a young boy, his parents took him to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover.

Memory Verse

“And Jesus grew in wisdom...”

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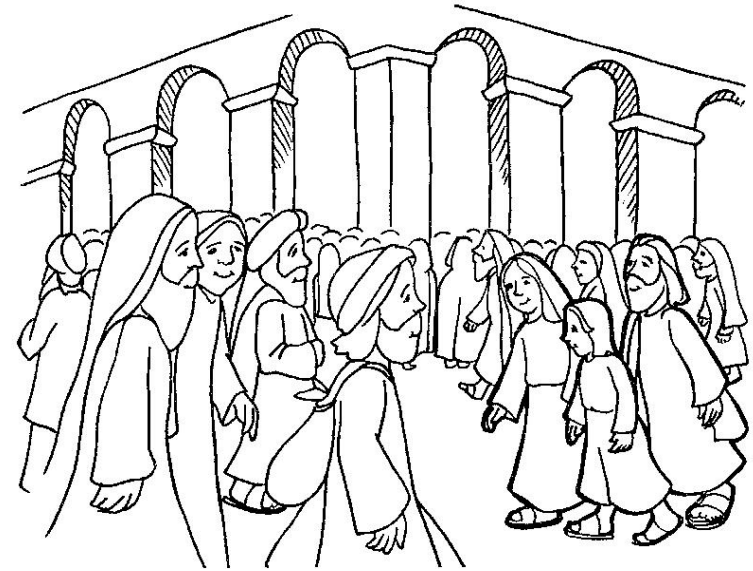
Bible Story Rhyme

Mary and Joseph looked around,
*(Put right hand above eyes as if shielding
the sun from your eyes)*

But little Jesus could not be found.
(Shake pointer finger from left to right)

**Where was Jesus while they were
walking?**
(Hold hands above shoulders and then shrug)

In the temple he was talking.
(Point to mouth)



There were lots of
people in the city.
Jesus' parents left for
home.

Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

“Dear Jesus,

Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”



Jesus stayed in the temple to talk with the adults.

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PRESCHOOL GAME

Supplies: None

**Kids figure out who's missing
in this Hide-and-Seek game.**

Say: In our Bible story, Jesus' family was walking home and suddenly noticed he was missing. In our game today, I'm going to count to twenty and let all of you hide. Then I'll find some of you and together, we will try to figure out who's still missing.

Close your eyes and count slowly enough to allow all the children to hide. After you have found most of the kids, have them look around to see who is missing and call that person to come out. For more rounds, enlist a child to be the seeker after you count together.

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PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY RHYME



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