

The Boy Teacher

Luke 2:41-50



Jesus and his family were in Jerusalem for the festival of Passover. While they were traveling home, Mary and Joseph realized Jesus was missing. They rushed back to Jerusalem, where they searched for three days. They found Jesus in the temple, talking with the teachers, who were amazed by his knowledge.

Take a Look

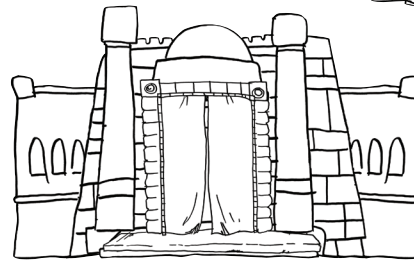
Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?



Jesus was twelve years old. This is the only Gospel story of Jesus as a child. He surprised the teachers with how well he knew God.

Mary and Joseph

didn't seem to understand who their son Jesus really was.



The **temple** was treated like God's home on earth. It was the religious, cultural, and political center of Judaism.

About the Video

After celebrating Passover in Jerusalem, Jesus and his family headed home. Jesus went to the temple and didn't let his parents know. Mary and Joseph frantically looked for him and found him after three days of searching. Jesus was still in the temple, impressing everyone with his knowledge.

- Why do you think Jesus stayed?
- What happens when you get lost?
- What did the teachers think of Jesus?

Try This!

Play a game of "Find Jesus" this week. Make a doll or cut-out figure of Jesus. Each day, have one family member hide Jesus. Look for Jesus until someone finds him. Discuss how it feels when something or someone is lost.

Prayer

Dear God, remind me that you are always near, blessing my actions. I'll stamp my foot on the ground to feel the world you made. I'll clap my hands to praise you. I'll hug myself because I'm your child. Amen!