

Unit 2: Jesus and the Temple

Lesson 6

July 6, 2025

Subject: The Boy Jesus in the Temple

Devotional Reading: Psalm 27:1-14

Lesson Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

Background Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

Memory Verse: "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" Luke 2:49 NIV

Lesson Aim: To show the role of Joseph and Mary as parents in the life of Jesus.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY OUTLINE

I. JESUS AS A CHILD (LUKE 2:39-40)

1. How did Jesus' parents follow God's law? What should this teach us? Luke 2:39a
2. Where did Jesus grow up? How did Jesus' family come to live in this city? Trace their journeys. Locate on a New Testament map. Luke 2:39b (See Map on page 3.)
 - a. What was the initial home of Joseph and Mary? Luke 2:4a
 - b. Why did Joseph and Mary leave their home town? Luke 2:1-3
 - c. Where was Jesus' born? What prophecy was fulfilled? Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:3-6
 - d. Where did the holy family go after Jesus' birth? Why? What prophecy was fulfilled? Matthew 2:7-14
 - e. Where did the holy family settle on their return to Israel? What prophecy was fulfilled? Matthew 2:21-23
3. How does Luke describe Jesus' holistic growth (physical, mental, spiritual) as a child? Luke 2:40
4. What can parents today do to help the holistic growth of their children? Deuteronomy 6:6-9

II. JESUS' PARENTS MISS HIM (LUKE 2:41-44)

5. What did Jesus' parents do every year in Jerusalem? Luke 2:41
6. What two other Jewish feasts were all men required to attend in Jerusalem? (Women and children were not required by law to attend, but they often accompanied the men.) Deuteronomy 16:16 (The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were celebrated in conjunction with one another. The Passover lasted one day. The Feast of Unleavened Bread lasted one week, immediately following the Passover. The two are sometimes used interchangeably.)
7. What does the Passover commemorate? Exodus 12:1-28
8. How old was Jesus when he was brought to the temple to observe the Passover? Luke 2:42 (This was the age young boys were brought to the temple to begin to prepare for all the required Jewish festivals and step into manhood. This training culminated at age thirteen when the boy was initiated into full-fledged membership in the synagogue and took on the responsibilities and privileges of manhood. At the age of thirteen the Jewish boy became Bar Mitzvah, meaning "son of the commandment or law".)
9. How long did Jesus and his family remain in Jerusalem on this special occasion? Luke 2:43a
10. What happened to Jesus when his family began to journey back home? Luke 2:43b
11. When did Jesus' parents become aware He was not with them? Luke 2:43c-44a

12. Do you think Jesus' action toward His parents was disobedience? Explain your answer.
13. Why do you think Jesus did not tell His parents He was staying behind?
14. Where did Jesus' parents first look for Him? Luke 2:44b

III. JESUS' PARENTS FIND HIM (LUKE 2:45-48a)

15. How long did it take Jesus' parents to find Him? Where was He? What was He doing? Luke 2:45-46
16. How did the teachers of the law who heard Jesus respond? Why? Luke 2:47
17. What was the response of Jesus' parents when they saw where He was and what He was doing? Luke 2:48a

IV. JESUS' PARENTS QUESTION HIM (LUKE 2:48bc-50)

18. What did Mary say to Jesus? Luke 2:48bc
19. Why do you think Mary called Joseph Jesus' father? (In the Gospels, Jesus calls God his Father over 165 times.) How did Joseph accept the awesome responsibility of fatherhood? Matthew 1:18-25
20. What was Jesus' response to Mary? (These are Jesus' first recorded words in the Bible.) Luke 2:49 (Read in several Biblical Versions.)
21. What did Jesus' response to his parents indicate about His understanding of His identity and mission? John 4:34; John 6:37-39
22. What was the response of Jesus' parents to His answer? Luke 2:50 (How do you account for this in light of what the angels had told them about Jesus? Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38)

VI. JESUS' GROWTH (LUKE 2:51-52)

23. Where did Jesus' family live? Luke 2:51a (Locate on the map on Page 3.)
24. How did Jesus' family come to live there? Matthew 2:1, 13-23
25. What kind of relationship did Jesus maintain with His parents? Luke 2:51b
26. What was Mary's frame of mind about Jesus as He matured? Luke 2:51c
27. What does Luke once again mention about Jesus' growth? Luke 2:52a
28. How did Jesus get along with God and fellow human beings as He grew into manhood in Nazareth? Which would change? Luke 2:52b (Luke 4:14-27, 28-29)

SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

29. What may we learn from Jesus' parents and their relationship with Jesus?
30. Discuss what could have been going through Jesus' mind when He went to the Passover Feast at age 12.
 - a. Symbolic Connections of the historic Passover lamb and Jesus becoming the Passover Lamb (John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:7b)
 - b. Jesus' Mission and Purpose (John 6:38; Luke 2:49)
 - c. Jesus' Identity (John 10:30; Luke 2:49)

d. Significance of the Temple (1 Kings 8:27-30; Psalm 84:1; Isaiah 56:7; Matthew 21:12-13)

MAPS OF THE TRAVELS OF JOSPEH, MARY AND JESUS

