

Calvary Kids

May 8th and 9th 2021

Jesus As A Child

Bible Passage: Matthew 2; Luke 2



MEMORY VERSE

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Hebrews 13:8

**Thank you so much for watching our Calvary Kids online message today!!
Here are some fun ways to dig deeper into today's lesson with the entire family.**

1. TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON SUMMARY

After Jesus was born, wise men followed a star to Bethlehem to find the new King. After the wisemen had worshipped Baby Jesus and left for home. An angel told Joseph in a dream to leave Bethlehem, because King Herod wanted to kill Jesus. Joseph took Mary and Jesus to live in Egypt until king Herod died. When it was safe, they returned to Israel and lived in Nazareth. Each year they would travel to Jerusalem for Passover. When Jesus was 12 years old, He went with His family to the Jerusalem to the temple to celebrate Passover. After the Passover, Jesus' family went home. Mary and Joseph were traveling back to Nazareth with a large group and they thought Jesus was with them, but He was not. They looked among their family and friends, but He was not there. When they could not find Jesus, they were worried! They ran back to the city and searched everywhere for Jesus. The city was so big, and Jesus was just a young boy. They finally found Jesus in the temple, talking with the teachers and asking them questions. Everyone was surprised that Jesus understood so much about God's Word. When his parents saw Him, they were surprised. Mary said, "Jesus, why have You done this? We have been worried about You! We've been looking everywhere for You." Jesus replied, "Why were you searching for Me? Didn't you know that I had to be in My Father's house?" Mary and Joseph did not understand exactly what Jesus was talking about. Then Jesus obeyed them and went back home to Nazareth. Jesus was obedient to His parents and Mary remembered all of these things. Jesus grew up wise and God was pleased with Him, and so was everyone who knew Him.

2. EXPERIENCE THE STORY

- **Family Activity (Do the following activity together as a family to reinforce the Bible Lesson and spend time together.)**

For a fun family activity, "Go on a Scavenger Hunt" outside if weather permits. Name or make a list of several items commonly outdoors and guide the family to look or listen for the items. Name or list things like, a blade of grass, a gray rock, a purple flower, a big leaf, a bird's call or whistle, a red truck, a dog, or whatever kinds of items work for your family Scavenger Hunt. Work together or divide in teams to find the items on the list. When you have completed the Scavenger Hunt, talk about how Mary noticed that Jesus was not with them on their return trip home to Nazareth. Mary and Joseph looked and looked for Jesus and hurried back to Jerusalem. They finally found Him at the temple, listening to and talking to the teachers. God had a plan for Jesus to rescue people from sin when He was older. When Mary and Joseph finally found Him in the temple, Jesus told them He needed to be in the temple, His Father's house

3. FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (Have a family discussion about the Bible Lesson and ask the following questions. Retell the story if needed by reading the Bible Passages from our lesson.)

1. **Why did Mary and Joseph travel to Jerusalem each year?** (They traveled each year for Passover.)
2. **How old was Jesus in today's lesson?** (Jesus was 12 years old at the time of our story.)
3. **What did Mary and Joseph realize as they were headed home to Nazareth?** (Mary could not find Jesus, He was not with them.)
4. **How long did it take Mary and Joseph to find Jesus?** (Mary and Joseph looked for three days for Jesus.)
5. **Where did Mary and Joseph find Jesus?** (They found Jesus in the temple, listening to the teachers and

asking questions.)

6. **Why do you think Jesus' astounded people?** (His level of understanding and His answers.)
7. **Why do you think Jesus' understanding and wisdom were so surprising?** (Jesus would have looked like an ordinary 12-year-old when people looked at Him. Jesus is fully God and fully human. Jesus was able to understand and explain God's Word as One who had studied it for many years, despite His young age.)
8. **Why do you think Jesus said it was necessary for Him to be in His Father's house?** (Jesus is God's Son, and He knew God's plans for His life: to make a way for us to be forgiven of our sins so we can have eternal life. Jesus wanted to obey God always.)
9. **How can we live out God's plans for us?** (God's plan for all who believe in Him, is to glorify Him by loving others, obeying God, reading and learning the Bible and sharing Jesus with others.)

4. PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE: (Help kids memorize and understand their Bible Verse.)

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SAY: Our memory verse reminds us that Jesus has always existed. In the beginning, He was with God the Father. He is God the Son and continues to exist forever and ever. Jesus came to earth to do His Father's plan, to rescue people from sin. Jesus knows what it is like to be us, but He never sinned. Jesus never changes and He is always with us.

5. FAMILY REFLECTION AND PRAYER: (Time to reflect on the over arching theme of our Bible Lesson and spend time in Prayer.)

SAY: God sent Jesus to earth with a purpose. Even as a boy, Jesus wanted to honor His Father's plan. Jesus got ready to do what God sent Him to do. Jesus perfectly obeyed His earthly parents and all of God's commands, eventually dying for our sin. God blessed Jesus as He got ready to follow His's plan. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and makes us part of His family. When we trust God, He will use us in amazing ways to share Jesus with others.

For some additional activities and discussion questions, please check out the Family Experience Page below.

FAMILY EXPERIENCE

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In 2021 Remember To

“Place your hope in Jesus!
He is our hope, our joy, our peace,
our comfort, and our security.”

MAIN POINT: Matthew 2; Luke 2

Even as a Child, Jesus wanted to do
His Father’s plan.

FAMILY TIME QUESTIONS

- What did Jesus mean when He said He had to be in His Father’s house?
- What was God’s plan for Jesus?
- How can we be a part of doing God’s plan?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Spend time together as a family.

- For a fun family activity, go on a walk around your neighborhood. Invite family and friends to go with you. As you walk around, talk about how if you were part of a large group of people, it would be hard to keep track of everyone. Talk about how Mary and Joseph did not notice Jesus was missing right away. Talk with your kids and create a plan on what to do, if you ever get separated from each other.

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