



LUKE 2:41-52 - JESUS AS A CHILD

PRESCHOOL FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

WEEK: 3/22/20 - 3/28/20

INTRO

Parents read this to your kids at the beginning.

Wow! It's been a pretty long time now being at home and that is pretty crazy! We have spent a lot more time at home together than we normally would and that might be getting kind of hard, sometimes it's difficult to spend a lot of time in the same place with the same people, and maybe you have even run out of games to play and new things to do. It is hard sometimes for us as your parents too, let's take a minute to say thank you to each other for being patient and kind to each other even though this time is a little frustrating and scary.

It is so good and important for us to stop and take some time to worship together. It means that we can take a break from being worried about what is happening around us or being frustrated about not getting to go to school, and turn our focus back to Jesus together as a family. So, that's what we are going to do this morning as a family, focus on Jesus together for a little bit and sing to Him, pray to Him, and talk about His Word.

SING

Kids love singing and it's a great way to start to direct their energy in a Godward direction before the lesson. To make it easy, you can have the kids sing along to the lyric videos linked below.

- [James 1:5](#)
- [The Word Was God](#) (Current Key Passage Song)

LESSON

One of the most important ways we get to disciple kids is by helping teach the truth of God's Word and how it points towards Jesus.

Parents: Place a bookmark at Luke 2 in your Bible and invite your child to open it up.

SAY: There is no other book like the Bible because only the Bible is God's Word. God's Word is true. Today's Bible story comes from the Books of Matthew and Luke. Did you know Jesus was a child like you? Listen to hear what Jesus did when He was a child like you!

Show the Bible story video [Jesus As a Child](#).

SAY: Jesus' earthly parents, Mary and Joseph, were worried when they could not find Him. They were surprised to find Him in the temple talking to the church leaders. The people were amazed

at how much Jesus understood. Jesus came to earth to do His Father's plan. Jesus was getting ready to do what God sent Him to do.

Are you ready for our Story Points? Ok!

Story Point #1! (Kids repeat, "Story Point #1!") Jesus and his parents went to Jerusalem for a celebration. (kids repeat). How many of you have ever gone on trip somewhere for a big party? That's exactly what Jesus, Mary and Joseph did! Every year they went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast to remind them of when God rescued the Israelites out slavery in Egypt!

Story Point #2! (Kids repeat, "Story Point #2!"): When Mary and Joseph left to go home, Jesus wasn't with them. (kids repeat) Mary, Joseph and Jesus were traveling with a big group of people and when they were on their way home, Jesus wasn't with them! They were so worried and searched everywhere for him and decided to go back to Jerusalem.

Story Point #3! (Kids repeat, "Story Point #3!) Jesus's parents found him in the temple. (kids repeat) When they finally found Jesus, he was in the temple. A temple is kind of like our church. He was asking questions and wanting to learn all he could from the leaders there. Even though he was just a boy, everyone saw how much he knew. Jesus wanted to be in His Father's house! He wasn't disrespectful to Mary and Joseph, but he was showing that He was God's Son.

Christ Connection! (Kids yell, "Christ Connection!) Jesus was in the temple, His Father's house. (kids repeat)

Jesus was spending His time in the temple, God's house, and he told His parents that He was at His Father's house. Jesus was showing them that He was God's Son. Jesus was able to ask good questions to the religious leaders in the temple because He was God's Son.

SNACK & DISCUSSION

In Kidtown we use snacks as simple reward/incentive for focus during discussion time. Feel free to grab a snack and begin the discussion questions. The goal of this time is to discuss and apply what we learned from the Bible.

What was your favorite part of the story?

Why did Jesus' family travel to Jerusalem?

(For a special celebration called Passover)

What did Mary and Joseph realize after they were on their way home to Nazareth?

(Jesus was not with them; they couldn't find Jesus.)

Where did Mary and Joseph find Jesus?

(The temple)

Why did Jesus stay at the temple?

(To listen to the teachers and ask questions, to be in His Father's house)

Why do you think Jesus wanted to be in His Father's house?

Guide kids to understand that Jesus wanted to be with His heavenly Father. He was showing them that He was God's Son.

LESSON ACTIVITY

The Lesson Activities are designed to help reinforce what the kids learned in the lesson. You can choose one or more activities to do based on your child's interest and time available.

Seek and find

Before the session, hide people figures around the room. Challenge kids to find the figures. If time allows, hide the figures again while the rest of the group faces a wall and closes their eyes. Then play again.

SAY: Finding those people in the room wasn't easy. Imagine looking for one person in a city of thousands of people! That's what Mary and Joseph had to do in today's Bible story when they were looking for Jesus.

Go on a Scavenger Hunt

Name an item commonly found outdoors and guide boys and girls to look or listen for it. Name things like a blade of grass, a gray rock, a pink flower, a green leaf, a bird's call, or a car's engine. Help your child discover each item with her eyes or her ears. If desired, collect nature items as they are discovered. If weather does not permit, look for inside items.

SAY: Jesus' parents looked and looked for Him, and they were worried for His safety. They finally found Him at the temple asking the teachers questions. God had a plan for Jesus to rescue people from sin when He was older. When His parents finally found Him, Jesus told them He needed to be in the temple, His Father's house.

PRAYER TIME

From an early age, we want to teach our kids that prayer is the fuel for our lives as Christians. We depend on God for everything and prayer helps us remember that. Especially in these uncertain times, prayer is one of our most important disciplines as God's people.

Pray For Each Other:

Questions to Ask: (Ask your children these questions, but also have them ask you!)

- What is one thing you need Jesus to help you with this week?

Pray: As the parent, you go first and encourage your children to pray for the person on their right.

Pray For Jesus' Mission:

Questions to Ask (pick 1):

- What friends or neighbors of yours can we pray for today?
- How can you show God's love this week to someone who might not know Him?

Pray: Invite each kid to pray for their friends or someone else's friend to come to know Jesus. Have one adult close out the time, thanking God for how we get to be family together and asking God to bring more people into His family!