



# Kindergarten-2nd

January 12-13 2013

DATE

Jesus At the Temple

LESSON TITLE

Luke 2:41-52 (Pg. 1197)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus as a kid shows US how to act as kids.

MAIN POINT

## schedule

Hang out with kids (10 minutes)  
Large Group (30 minutes)  
Small Group (20 minutes)  
Video and song review (10 minutes)

## tips

Pray with your team. Being with a gaggle of energetic kids can be challenging. Invite God to be with you or your team as you tell a very exciting part of God's story today.

## check-in/out

As kids check-out, remind them to use the comic strip they made to tell their families today's story!

## large group heads up

Today, we're talking about the only story in the Bible that shows us what Jesus was like as a kid. Help kids try to relate. And remind them that Jesus sets an example for how we should live!



## instructions

**Goal:** To help kids retell the one story of Jesus as a kid in the Bible

**Why?** How Jesus acts as a kid—obeying his parents and hungry for knowledge about God—can help kids recognize how God wants THEM to act.

**Tip:** Since the ACTIVITY is so heavy on review, spend more time on the non-review questions in today's small group section.

## QUESTIONS

### CONNECT

1. We talked about how Jesus led a life of love. Did anybody do something to lead a life of love this week?
2. What was the best part of your week?

### REVIEW

3. Tell me what happened in the story today. *(Have the kids do their best. It's okay if they don't hit every event, especially young ones. And feel free to read it to them. The ACTIVITY will help them review it, too.)*
  - a. Jesus traveled with his family to celebrate a feast.
  - b. Mary and Joseph left Jesus behind.
  - c. Joseph and Mary realized Jesus was missing.
  - d. Joseph and Mary went back to find Jesus.
  - e. Jesus got lost and Mary and Joseph couldn't find him for three days.

## ACTIVITY

**SAY:** Today we're going to make a **comic strip** about the story. Comic strips tell stories with pictures. You can use it to tell your families what you learned tonight!

**DO:** Hand each kid a comic strip. Let them choose crayons, markers, or colored pencils. **Walk them through the comic strip, frame by frame, giving them time to draw scenes from the story one by one. Read it aloud to them (unless they offer to read).** (Kids will have a variety of reading abilities, and we don't want to single anybody out.) Help them brainstorm what to draw in each frame. And ask kids to give each other examples!

You can help them by reading the examples that are given below.

1. Jesus traveled with his family to celebrate the Feast of the Passover.
  - a. **SAY:** Draw a picture of Jesus traveling with his

## QUESTIONS

- f. They found Jesus in the temple—happy—because Jesus was learning about God!
  - g. Jesus obeyed his parents and went home
4. Why is this story in the Bible? (it shows us how Jesus acted as a kid)
  5. What are some things Jesus did as a kid? (grew, obeyed his parents, and learned about God)

### RELATE

6. Let's read a verse you may have heard before: **Ephesians 5:1-2 (Pg. 1374-1375): *You are the children that God dearly loves. So be just like him. Lead a life of love, just as Christ did. He loved us. He gave himself up for us.*** This verse says to be just like Jesus. How can you be just like Jesus was as a kid? (obey your parents and learn about God)
7. Where can *you* go to learn about God? (church, read a Bible at home, pray to God anywhere, look at how beautiful nature is to see how beautiful God is...some kids might even be able to ask questions at home or school; others might not)
8. What's one way you can obey your parents this week?

## ACTIVITY

- family. Think about what you learned about traveling today!*
2. When Mary and Joseph were on their way back home, they realized Jesus was missing.
    - a. **SAY:** *You could draw a picture of Mary and Joseph looking worried, like the picture in large group.*
  3. Joseph and Mary couldn't find Jesus for three days!
    - a. **SAY:** *You could draw Mary and Joseph looking everywhere for Jesus...*
  4. They found Jesus in the temple. He wasn't even scared: he was happy because he was busy learning about God!
    - a. **SAY:** *You could draw Jesus in the temple, reading or talking to teachers.*
  5. Even though Jesus wanted to keep learning about God, he obeyed his parents and went home.
    - a. **SAY:** *You could draw all three of them walking home.*

**After kids are done, ask them again: "How can we act like Jesus acted when HE was a kid?" (Obey and learn about God)**

# LARGE group

## special notes

Today's lesson is designed to help kids to RELATE to Jesus, since Jesus is a kid in this story! Hopefully, that will help them realize that they can act like him by obeying their parents and learning about God.

## presenter tips

Use your tone of voice in this lesson...conversational when you're helping kids relate...ominous and deep when you're talking about Jesus missing...excited when you talk about Jesus' parents finding him in the temple!

## script

### WELCOME

Hi, everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club! Today, we're going to hear a story about Jesus when HE was a kid.

### REVIEW

We've talked about how Jesus grew up like us. Does anybody remember some of the things Jesus did that are like us? (Let kids respond. Growing, eating, sleeping, etc.) That's right!

But there's one REALLY important way that Jesus is different than us. Does anybody remember what it was? (Let kids respond. *They can say God's Son or rescued us, but guide them toward saying he NEVER sinned.*) Yep, Jesus never made a bad choice, ever. He taught us to **lead a life of love!**

### WORSHIP

Today, we're going to talk about Jesus as a kid. But before we do, let's sing a couple of songs to worship him. Today, let's sing all about his love!

**Worship Song: Because You Love Me**

**Worship Song: Jesus Loves Me**

Wow, Jesus really loves us, doesn't he?! In fact, that's the whole reason he was willing to come to earth...he felt sadness and got made fun of, and chose to live in a human body...all because he loved US!



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### INTRO: RELATE AND PREDICT

So, I have a question for you guys. If you could spend three days alone—without your parents—where would you go and why? Think about it in your head. **Now turn and tell a friend. Take turns.** (Let kids respond.) Wow, I heard some pretty cool places!

Well, today we're going to hear a story about when Jesus was a kid. He found himself away from his parents...for three days. And we're going to find out where HE went. **Does anybody have any guesses or predictions?** Where would Jesus go for three days without his parents? (Let kids respond, but don't tell them!) Hmmmm, let's see if any of you guys are right!

### JESUS TRAVELS WITH HIS FAMILY

After Jesus was born, he grew up, just like us. He lived with his parents and did things with his family. One of the things they did every year was travel to attend a big Feast called the Passover. It was a holiday celebration...like how we celebrate Thanksgiving or Christmas.

They were going to travel to a place called Jerusalem to celebrate. Raise your hand if you've ever traveled with your family. (Let kids respond.) So you guys know you have to pack for a trip. Jesus and his family probably packed a bag full of items they needed.

Let's pretend we're going on a trip. (***Pull out the packed bag and open it.***) What do YOU take when your family travels? (Let kids respond. If they guess something that's in the bag, hold it up. If you don't have it, act disappointed. ***Items in the bag are: toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, shirt, shorts, socks, soap, boxer underwear, shoes, and a teddy bear.***)

Once they were packed, they were ready to go! We're going to watch a short video to show us what travel looked like back then.

### Video: Context--Travel

So Jesus traveled like that to Jerusalem. He probably traveled in a huge group with aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. When they all got to there, they had a great time! The trip seemed great (drop voice), until Jesus' parents were on their way home (***play sound byte***).

### JESUS IS LEFT BEHIND

(Use an ominous tone.) Mary and Joseph had been on their way home for a whole day. They hadn't seen Jesus, but they probably thought he was with his friends and cousins. (***Show picture of Mary and Joseph.***) Finally, that night, they both realized Jesus was MISSING! Say "OH NO!" (Let kids respond.)

### MARY AND JOSEPH SEARCH FOR JESUS

Mary and Joseph turned right around to go back and find him, but it would take another WHOLE day to get back to Jerusalem! They were probably freaking out! Imagine how scared they must have been knowing Jesus was alone in a strange city for TWO whole days! And back then, there weren't cell phones to call and see if anybody in Jerusalem even knew where he was! Everybody say, "OH NO!" again. (Let kids respond.)



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### **MARY AND JOSEPH FIND JESUS**

After THREE days, Mary and Joseph finally found Jesus. Say “WOO-HOO!” (Let kids respond.)

And guess where he was? (**Show Jesus at the temple** and let kids guess, although they might not know from the picture—they can guess temple or church) Yep, he was at the temple! A temple is like a church. Did anybody guess or predict that Jesus would be at church? (Let kids respond.) Did any of YOU guys say you’d go to church if you had three days without your parents? (Let kids respond.)

### **JESUS AT THE TEMPLE**

Well, Jesus was with the other teachers at the temple, asking them questions and learning things about God. When Mary and Joseph found Jesus there, he told them, “I had to be in my father’s house!” Remember, he was God’s Son. He had been spending time with God!

In fact, Jesus probably would have stayed in the temple a lot longer! He wanted to know EVERYTHING about God because he loved God so much! But even though Jesus wanted to stay in the temple, when he realized Mary and Joseph were ready to go home, do you think he obeyed his parents? (Let kids respond.) Yep, he sure did. The Bible says this in Luke 2:52:

***SLIDE: Then he went back to Nazareth with them, and he obeyed them. ... Jesus became wiser and stronger. He also became more and more pleasing to God and to people.***

### **JESUS AS A BOY**

You know what’s crazy? We don’t know much about Jesus as a kid. We really only have THIS one story, but in it, he shows us how WE should act. What did you guys notice Jesus doing in this story? (Let kids respond. They may say grew up, learned about God, pleased God and people, or obeyed his parents—guide them toward all three answers!)

In our small groups today, we’re going to talk about some ways we can obey our parents and learn more about God, just like Jesus did! But first, could somebody pray for us today?

### **PRAY**

Ask a volunteer to pray.

***(OPTIONAL) Extra Video: Ask Shrimpola / Jesus as a Kid***

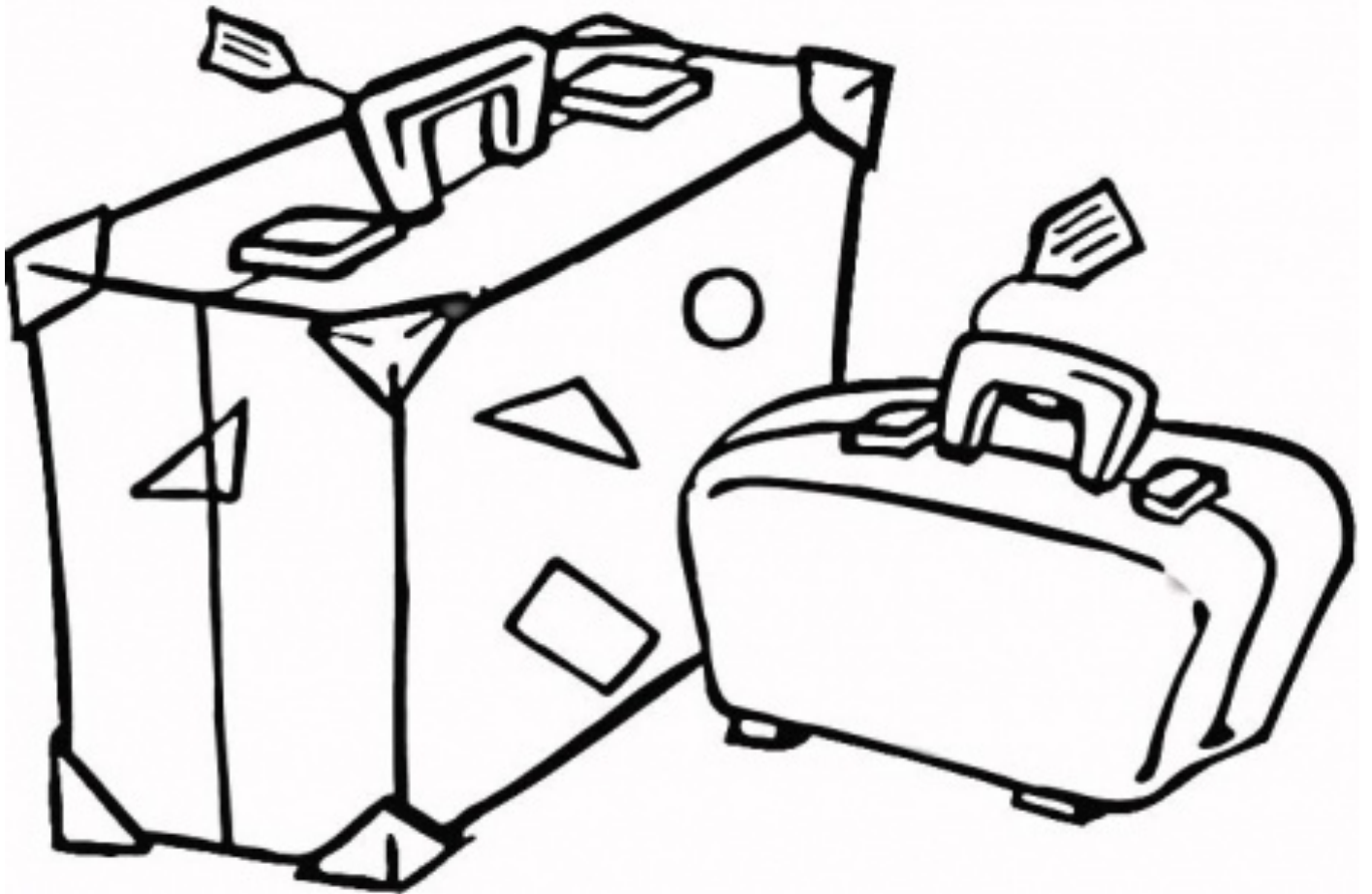


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# PREP needs



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## small group supplies

- Coloring pages: Suitcases
- 1 Comic strip template per kid (Word doc in curriculum folder)
- Plenty of crayons / markers

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## large group supplies

- The Adventure Bible for Early Readers (p.1197)
- Bag (knapsack-style), packed with the following items:
  - Toothbrush
  - Toothpaste

- Hairbrush
- Shirt
- Shorts
- Socks
- Soap
- Boxer underwear
- Shoes
- Teddy bear

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## a/v needs

1. Song: Because You Love Me
2. Music Video: Jesus Loves Me
3. Video: Context / Travel
4. Sound byte You Tube:  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bnmp\\_oAHR](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bnmp_oAHR)  
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5. Picture of Mary and Joseph
6. Image: Kids' Club>Book Scans>Jesus at the

- Temple>11 (remove text)
7. Slide with Luke 2:52 (exact wording in script)
8. Video: Ask Shrimpola / Jesus as a Kid

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## special room set-up

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## connect questions

- Tell me about Jesus as a kid.
- What can you do to act like Jesus?

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## parent page

There's only one story in the Bible about Jesus as a kid. You can find it in Luke 2:41-52. It's about a time Mary and Joseph accidentally left Jesus in a city by himself. They went back to look for him but couldn't find him for three days! Ask your kids to tell you where they found him. They can also share the whole story using a comic strip they created.