



Kindergarten-2nd

January 11-12, 2014

DATE

Jesus As A Boy

LESSON TITLE

Luke 2:41-52 (Pg.1197)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus Spent Time with God

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

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 leave, remind them to tell their parents what Jesus was like as a kid.

large group heads up

One reason Jesus came to earth was to show us how to live in a way that honors God. So today, we're going to look at a story that shows us what Jesus was like as a kid.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

BEING A KID

Ask kids what it's like to be a kid.

- On squares of paper, have them **write** down things they enjoy doing or things they like in general.
- Spread the **squares** out on the table.
- Leave them on the table during Large Group—you'll need them for Small Group!

Before you go, remind kids of the expectations you have for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) compare and contrast their life as a kid to Jesus' life as a kid and (2) recognize that God wants us to act like Jesus.

Why? This is the only story we have of Jesus as a kid, but even in this short story, we can get a few ideas of ways we can follow him.

Tip: Read the instructions to the "Copycat" game ahead of time, so you're not trying to figure out how it works during small group time. Feel free to adapt it to fit your group. If you're having trouble getting it to work, there's another option printed below.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. What's the one MAIN difference between us as kids and Jesus as a kid? (Jesus never made a wrong choice)
2. Split kids into pairs. Give them a set of **pictures** and ask them to retell the story to each other. Then try to retell it as a group.
 - a. Jesus traveled with his family to celebrate a holiday (Passover).
 - 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. They couldn't find Jesus for three days.
 - f. Finally, they found Jesus in the temple spending time with God!
 - g. Jesus obeyed his parents and went home
3. Why is this story in the Bible? (we can follow Jesus' example)
4. What are some things Jesus did as a kid? (grew, obeyed his parents, and spent time with God)

RELATE

5. Let's look at all the things you said you like to do as a kid. Which ones would Jesus have done? (*Hold up **squares of paper**. Decide if they are like or unlike Jesus. If they are unlike Jesus, change them into something Jesus might have done.*)

ACTIVITY

You may want to move from the table and sit in a circle on the floor. Choose the space that works best for your group. **Play the Copycat game**:**

- Here are the rules:
 - One kid will have to put his/her head down (no peeking)!

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- You will point to a person and that person will be the leader.
 - The person with head down can open his/her eyes while the leader starts doing whatever they want...and you all follow as fast as you can—so fast that the person who closed his/her eyes shouldn't be able to tell who's leading.
 - The person who hid his/her eyes has to figure out who's leading!
 - Before you begin, do a practice round. Lead kids in a series of actions, like raising one arm, tapping your nose, stretching a leg out, standing up, twirling, sitting back down, etc. Then choose a person to hide his/her eyes and get started!
- Play a few rounds. Make sure you have time to debrief.
 - **Debrief:** Is it hard to follow somebody or easy? Why? *Explain: Jesus showed us exactly what to do while he was on earth. Sometimes, it's hard to act exactly like he did, but our job as Jesus followers is to try! So this week, let's make him our leader: Let's act like Jesus by obeying our parents, spending time with God, etc. (refer to cards in the middle).*

***Pray with kids, asking God to help us act like Jesus this week.**

****If the game is too difficult for your group or you have extra time, imagine what life was like for Jesus. Let kids go in pairs and try to find and bring back ONE item that Jesus may have used (can be shoes, chairs, coats, wooden blocks, etc.). Or send them to find two items—one Jesus would have used and one he would NOT have used. Let the other kids guess. You can send pairs one at a time or all at once. But if you send them all at once, tell them it's a race to see who can get back most quickly—that way, they don't get too distracted by toys and games in the room!**

Still have extra time? Give each kid an extra square: Have them **draw or write one way **THEY** want to act like Jesus by obeying or spending time with God this week.*

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 spending time with God.

presenter tips

Use your tone of voice in this lesson: stay conversational when you're helping kids relate; adopt a low, worried tone when you're talking about Jesus being missing...then get excited when you talk about Jesus' parents finding him in the temple!

script

Hi kids! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's so great to see you again! You guys just talked about what it's like to be a kid. Let's hear about it! What do you guys like to do? What are some of the things you wrote down during Connect Time? (Let several kids share.)

You know what's really cool to think about? Jesus was a kid, just like you guys. What do you guys think JESUS was like as kid? (Let kids respond. Treat all responses like great guesses.)

Hmm, let's see if you guys are right. To find out, we're going to check in with our expert friend, Shrimpola. Let's see what Jesus was like as kid:

Video: *Shrimpola / Jesus as a Kid*

So what did we learn from Shrimpola? What was Jesus like as a kid? (Let kids respond with different examples.) Yes, he was just like us!

In fact, there was really just ONE major difference...can anybody guess what that was? (Let kids say: he never sinned.) Yes, Jesus never, ever made a bad choice. He was human...like us, but at the same time he was God, which means he was—and is—perfect. So we can follow EVERYTHING he did on earth...because every choice he made was a good one

JESUS TRAVELS WITH HIS FAMILY

So we're going to look at the only example we have of Jesus as a kid. The only story the Bible tells us is about the time Jesus was 12 years old and took a trip with his family to celebrate Passover. Have any of you guys taken a trip with your family? Maybe to visit relatives celebrate Christmas or Thanksgiving? (Let kids respond.) That's what Jesus was about to do in this story!



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But he didn't travel in a car or on a plane, like you and I travel. It looked pretty different. Let's watch a short video to show us what it was like.

Video: Context / Travel

Wow, that looks pretty rough, doesn't it? It would have taken DAYS to get somewhere! (**Show picture of Jesus on a journey.**) So Jesus and his family traveled on a journey that would last at least a few days, if not longer. He traveled with other friends or family members, maybe brothers and sisters and aunts and uncles and cousins. They were going to a town called Jerusalem to celebrate Passover.

JESUS IS LEFT IN JERUSALEM

Everything was going great until the end of the trip. See, Mary and Joseph, Jesus' parents, left to go back home...and since there were so many people traveling, they didn't notice Jesus was missing! They thought he was just walking a little farther back, with his cousins or friends.

(**Show picture of Mary and Joseph unable to find Jesus.**) But when they started looking for him, they couldn't find him! Everybody say, "Oh no!" (Let kids say: oh no!) And pretty soon they realized Jesus wasn't there.

The problem was, they couldn't just turn their car around and go get Jesus. They had to walk, like on the video, back to Jerusalem. And remember, they had already been walking for a day. So Jesus, who was just a kid, would be all alone for at LEAST two days.

MARY AND JOSEPH FIND JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

The Bible tells us that Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus for three days! Finally, they found him. Any guesses where they found him? (Let kids say: the temple). (**Show picture of Jesus in the temple.**) Yes, they found Jesus in the temple, which is like a church. He was spending time asking the church teachers questions--and everybody was amazed at how much he understood about God!

And you know what? Jesus didn't want to leave. He wanted to *keep* spending time in church, in his heavenly Father—God's—house. But his parents said he had to go home, and also knew he needed to obey his parents. Remember, Jesus never made a wrong choice. So what do you think he did? (Let kids say: he obeyed.) Yep, he obeyed. The Bible tells us this in Luke 2:52:

SLIDE: Luke 5:52 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.

Yes, Jesus obeyed! And you know what? That's the last thing we know Jesus did until he grows up. All we know is that he kept growing and became more and more pleasing to God and people. Imagine somebody who always makes the choice to spend time with God and learn about God and love others. That's what Jesus was like as a kid, and that's how he wants US to act too...whether we're kids or adults.



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WORSHIP

Let's spend time with God right now, just like Jesus, by singing to him and worshipping him.

Song: I'm Yours

Song: Jesus Loves Me

PRAY

Ask somebody to come and thank Jesus for showing us how to act as kids.



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Markers

Per kid: 5 pieces of colored construction paper (a variety of colors) cut into fourths

small group supplies

Bible - Luke 2:41-52 (Pg.1197)

Pictures (to retell story)

Leftover construction paper squares (leave on table after Connect Time)

Markers

Coloring Page: Luggage

large group supplies

Adventure Bible for Early Readers - Luke 2:41-52 (Pg.1197)

a/v needs

1. Video: Shrimpola: Jesus As A Kid
2. Video: Context / Travel
3. Image: Jesus on a journey
4. Image: Mary and Joseph can't find Jesus
5. Image: Jesus is found in the temple
6. SLIDE: Luke 2:52 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.
7. Music Video: I'm Yours
 8. Song: Jesus Loves Me (with hand motions)

connect questions

Tell me about Jesus at the temple.

What was Jesus like as a kid?

parent page

One reason Jesus came to earth was to show us how to live in a way that honors God. So today, we learned a story that shows us what Jesus was like as a 12-year-old kid. Read about it together in Luke 2:41-52.