

# Together @ Home



Here are some activities you could do together as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

## Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together the story of Jesus as a boy at the Temple.

You can find it in your Bible in:

**Luke 2:41-52**

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.



## A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for sending Your Son, Jesus, who grew up just like we do. Help us, like Jesus, to not only grow in size, but also in wisdom. Like Jesus, help us to choose to do what is right and good and obeying You so that we might

Help us each day to grow to be more like Jesus as we love You and love and care for other people like Jesus does.

Amen

## Discussion

### A Question for adults to ask children

Where did Mary and Joseph find Jesus? What was he doing?

*After realizing Jesus was not with them and returning to Jerusalem where they searched for three days, Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the temple where he was talking to the religious leaders and asking them questions.*

### A question for children to ask adults

What is the most important thing you have lost? How did it make you feel?

### Questions to discuss together:

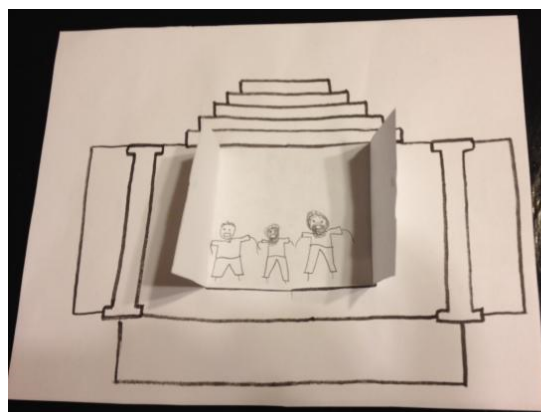
How is your attitude like/unlike Jesus when you hear God's Word taught?

What are you doing to grow in wisdom of God?

How can your growing understanding of God help you in your daily life?

## Family Activity 1

**Temple Craft:** Print out the Temple Craft Sheet on the last page and cut the "doors" to the temple so that they open (see image below). Glue the outer edges of the temple sheet (with doors open) to a plain sheet of paper. Once dry, open the temple doors and draw a picture of Jesus and the Jewish teachers inside.





## A verse to remember

### Isaiah 9 v 6

**A child has been born to us; God has given a son to us.  
He will be responsible for leading the people.  
His name will be Wonderful Counselor, Powerful God,  
Father Who Lives Forever, Prince of Peace.**

Read this verse from Isaiah together, there are so many different things to learn about Jesus and who He is to us. Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate a copy and put it up somewhere you can see it during the week.

## Family Activity 2

### What's Missing?

After leaving Jerusalem to return home, Mary and Joseph traveled a whole day with their friends and relatives before they realized that Jesus was not with them! Why not test your own observation skills with this activity....

*You will need – a tray of random items from around the house, a towel or scarf*

Lay a range of items from around your house on a tray or table, give everybody 1 minute (or less) to memorize as many objects as they can. Cover over the objects with the towel/scarf and remove one item, making sure nobody can see what you have taken!

Who can be first to figure out which item is missing? Take turns being the person who removes an item and see who can get the most points.



## Family Activity 3

### How Do You Grow?

You will need: Either a long strip of paper attached to a wall or post-it notes. Have each person stand up straight

with their back against a wall or door frame. Mark each person's height on the piece of paper or by attaching a post-it note with the person's name at the top of their head.

Notice the different heights (and how usually, older people are often taller than younger people).

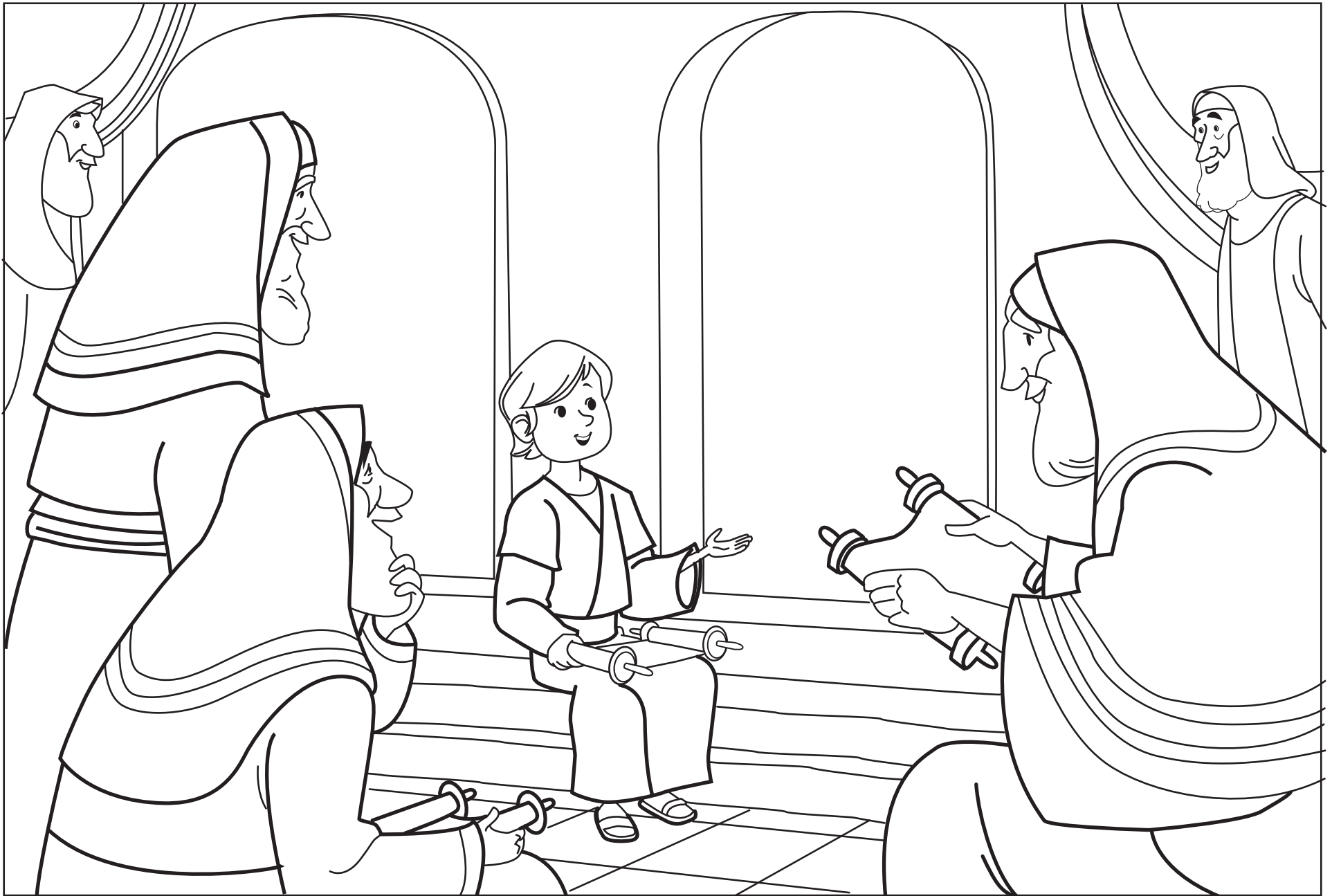
In verse 52 of our story it says that "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

Growing in height is "growing in stature," but how else do we grow? Talk about other ways that we grow--not just physically, but mentally, intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually.

Some ideas to discuss: how we grow in how much we learn and what we know, how we grow in the ways we get along with others, how we grow in our understanding of God, etc.

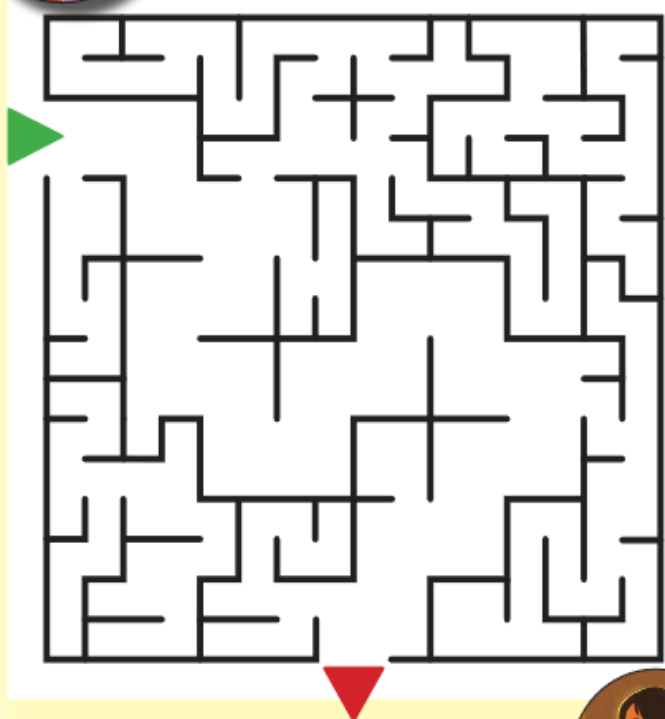


# ***Where was Jesus Coloring Page***



## Where is Jesus?

Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus at the temple.



## Where Was Jesus? Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

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TEMPLE  
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# Jesus in the Temple as a Boy

Luke 2:41-52

