

Jesus in the temple

After the stories about his birth the bible jumps forward to when Jesus was 12 years old and travelled with his parents to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. I wonder if Jesus as a young boy was excited by going to the big city for the first time with his parents.

The bible tells us that when the time came for them to return to their home in the north, they didn't spot that Jesus wasn't with them. Perhaps they were travelling as a group of families and assumed that Jesus was with his friends. When they went back to look for him they found him happily talking with the teachers in the temple about what was written on the temple scrolls about God, and the bible says that Jesus talked about being 'in his Father's house' - a reference to the special relationship that he knew he had with God.

Story: [Jesus in the Temple](#) - Saddleback Kids

Craft: Make a scroll by colouring in the picture and winding it around two cardboard tubes or lolly sticks



Prayer time

Father God, we too are your children

We thank you for our parents and others who look after us
for the opportunity to travel and see new places and do exciting things.

Keep us safe day by day, in all that we do. Amen

Song time: [Good Good Father](#) - CC Kids

[God loves me](#) - Springwood Kids

Game: Try out the 'What's missing observation game' (see details on page 3)

Have you ever been lost for while in a shop or at the park?

How did you feel? How did your parent's feel and what did they do?

What did it feel like when you were safely back with them?

Activities: Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus by completing the Maze.

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When Jesus was a little boy, His parents found Him in the temple talking with the teachers about God's Word. Luke 2:41-52

What's missing - observation game



Find at least 12 small items from around the house that will all fit on to a large tray.

Look at them carefully for 30 seconds, then cover the tray with a tea-towel. One person at a time has a turn to remove one of the items and keep it hidden out of sight.

Remove the tea-towel. The other players must see if they can work out what is missing.

Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the temple

