

Devotions - Quiet Times with God

Sun. Memory Verse: "So, whether you eat or _____, or whatever you ____, do everything for the
1/9 _____ of _____. 1 Corinthians 10:31

Pray: *Loving God, thank You for Your awesome love for me. In my thoughts, attitudes, words, and actions, help me to please and honor You. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Mon. READ Luke 2:40-42. When Jesus was only 12, how did the Bible describe his "growing up"? He
1/10 became s_____ (physically), filled with w_____ (intellectually), and God's g_____ (spiritually)
was on him.

Pray: *Dear Gracious Father, thank You that we not alone in growing physically, intellectually, and spiritually. You have given us our parents, teachers, and the Bible to help us grow. Help my Christian friends and I to do our part in doing our best to grow.*

Tues. READ Luke 2:43-45. How do you think Jesus' parents felt when they realized Jesus wasn't with
1/11 them? _____. His parents loved Jesus, so this was a normal reaction
to losing their son.

Pray: *Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for my parent(s) and others who love and sacrifice so much to make sure I'm well-loved and taken care of. Please bless them and give them strength, energy, and good health. Help them to know God loves them a lot. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Wed. READ Luke 2:46-47. What was Jesus doing in the temple? He was s_____ among the
1/12 teachers, l_____ to them and a_____ them questions. This shows Jesus was serious about
studying God's Word. Do you have that attitude toward learning God's Word? As a 12-year-old,
Jesus had great understanding and answers.

Pray: *Dear God, thank You for Jesus' example of a devoted student of Your Word. Please give me the same attitude. When I hear God's Word, I will be careful to listen, be bold to ask and answer questions, and gain great understanding. I want to know You more! In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Thurs. READ Luke 2:48-50. Jesus could have been anywhere, but Jesus said that it was n_____
1/13 for him to be in His Father's House (to sit, listen, ask/answer questions and to do God's work).

Pray: *Dear God, You have given us a good church to come to. Please help me to always love going to church to worship You with other Christians, to learn from Your Word, and to do Your work in the church. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Fri. READ Luke 2:51. Even as a child, Jesus knew He was God's Son and had God's work to do, but He
1/14 was still respectful of His parents, and He o_____ them.

Pray: *Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for my parents. Please remind me to always be respectful of them and obedient, even when it's difficult. Correct me when I am tempted to talk back and be disobedient. I need to learn to honor my parents, for that is Your command. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Sat. READ Luke 2:52. And Jesus increased in w_____ (intellectually) and s_____ (physically),
1/15 and in favor with G_____ (spiritually) and with p_____ (socially).

Pray: *All-wise God, The way Jesus grew is the way You have planned for me to grow as well, so that I will be successful and have a meaningful life, be healthy, and have a good relationship with you and with others. Help me to follow Your plan for me all the way. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do you worship King Jesus?
- Jesus focused on pleasing the Father. What can you do that is pleasing to God?
- How do you think God feels when He looks at you?

Jesus as a Child

Matthew 2; Luke 2

STORY POINT: EVEN AS A CHILD, JESUS WANTED TO DO HIS FATHER'S PLAN.

After Jesus was born, wise men followed a star to Bethlehem to find the new king of the Jews. The wise men worshiped Jesus as King. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus went back to Nazareth. Jesus grew up in Nazareth.

Every year, Jesus' parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. When Jesus was 12 years old, Jesus and His family went to Jerusalem together. When it was time to go home, Mary and Joseph began traveling to Nazareth. They didn't notice that Jesus was not with them; they thought He was among the group of travelers. But Jesus had stayed behind.

Mary and Joseph had been walking for a whole day when they started to look for Jesus. They went back to Jerusalem. They searched everywhere for Jesus. Finally, they found Him at the temple. Jesus was listening to the teachers and asking them questions. Everyone who heard Jesus could hardly believe how much Jesus understood. When Jesus' parents saw Him, they were surprised. Mary said, "Son, why have You done this? Your father and I were worried. We've been looking everywhere for You."

"Why were you looking for Me?" Jesus asked. "Didn't you know that I had to be in My Father's house?" Then Jesus went back to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph. Jesus was always obedient to them. As Jesus grew up, He became even wiser. God was pleased with Him, and so was everyone who knew Him.

Christ Connection: God sent Jesus to earth with a purpose. Even as a child, Jesus wanted to honor God. God blessed Jesus as He got ready to follow His Father's plan: to die on the cross and rescue people from sin.



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List of Learning

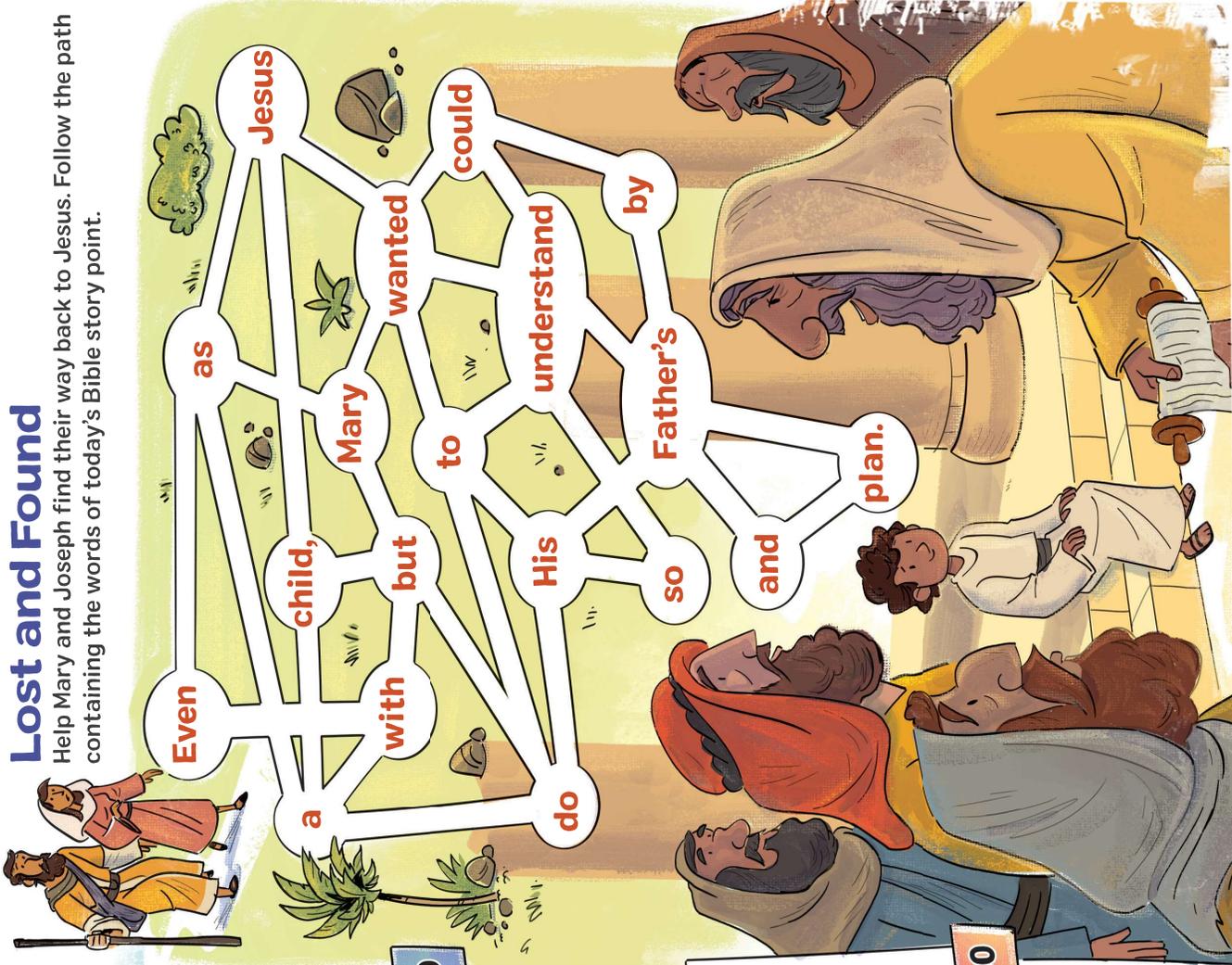
List things you have learned how to do in each period of your life so far. Then list things you think you'll learn in the future.

Birth to Age 5

Age 6 to Age 10

Age 11 to Age 18

Age 19 to Age 30



Lost and Found

Help Mary and Joseph find their way back to Jesus. Follow the path containing the words of today's Bible story point.