“I HAD TO BE IN MY FATHER’S HOUSE”

Luke 2:41–52

Key Verse: 2:49

1. What did Jesus’ parents do, and what does this show about them? (41) When did Jesus join them, and why? (42)
2. What happened after the festival? (43) When did they seem to notice Jesus was missing, and where did they first look for him? (44) Imagine what they must have been feeling as parents. When did they finally find him? (45–46a)
3. Where was Jesus and what was he doing when his parents found him? (46b) How was this unusual for someone his age? Why do you think he stayed behind for this? How did people respond? (47) What can we learn from him? (Ps119:20,97–100)
4. How did Jesus’ mother react, and why? (48) Read verse 49. What did he first ask his mother, and why? What did he mean by calling the temple “My Father’s house”? Why did he say, “I ‘had to’ be [here]”? What does this show about Jesus even at the age of 12? How can we be like him?
5. How did his parents respond? (50) What did Jesus do? (51a) Why? What did his mother do? (51b) How is Jesus described? (52) Why is growing in these ways important? What accounts for his growth?