

Life of Christ

When Jesus was a boy

Luke 2:41-52

Younger Verse

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ Jesus.
2nd Corinthians 1:20

Older Verse

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Lesson Goals

See how Jesus treated His parents
Honor your parents like Jesus did

Welcome Time

What do you imagine Jesus looked like when He was in the 6th grade? What do you think He did for fun? What did He wear? How did He treat His parents?

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Let's look at Luke chapter 2 verse 41 through 52. (If the kids can't find it, let some of the kids help them as you are helping too.)

Every year Jesus' parents went to a special celebration in the Spring. This year, as usual, Mary, Joseph and Jesus traveled to Jerusalem for the celebration. They went with a big group of friends and family.

When the celebration was over, Mary and Joseph and the group traveled back to their home. After a while, Mary and Joseph realized that Jesus was not anywhere to be found. They asked all their friends and family, but no one had seen Jesus.

Mary and Joseph rushed back to Jerusalem. They looked everywhere for Jesus. Can you imagine how upset Mary and Joseph must have been? Where would you look for Jesus? (For smaller children, pretend you are looking here and there for Jesus.)

Finally, after **3** days, they found him. Do you know where Jesus was? He was in the temple church, talking to the leaders. They had been there talking together the whole time! The leaders were amazed at what Jesus knew.

When Mary found him she said, "Son, why did you do this to us? Your father and I were very worried about you!"

Jesus asked, "Why did you have to look for me? You should have known that I would be where my Father's work is." But they did not understand what He meant.

Jesus went with them to their home in Nazareth and He obeyed them. He listened and did what His parents asked Him to do. Jesus continued to grow up. People liked him and he pleased God too.

What can we learn from this Bible story? Jesus loved His parents and did what they said. He obeyed them. He did not talk back to them or ignore them. He honored

Teachers: Be sensitive to children who live with one parent or other guardian.



them. God wants us to honor our parents too.

Isn't it great to know that Jesus lived with us. He knows what it's like to grow up because he grew up too. He knows what it's like to have parents because He had parents too.

Jesus lived with people like us and understands everything we go through. He even did something that no one in the whole world would do—he did something just for you. He died in your place. What does that mean? Jesus died on a rough cross for all the bad things you and I have done. He took our place. He was our substitute. Why did He do this?

Jesus did this so that you can go to Heaven and be with God. How do you get there? You get there by believing in Jesus, knowing that He died for you, and trusting Him in your heart. If you want to do this, talk to me at snack time.

Learning Activities

Choose activities that will help all the kids learn and understand the lesson. You may want to sing "Come and go with me, to My Father's House."

Memory Verse Activities

Challenge the kids to respect and honor their parents this week.

Prayer Time

Remind the kids how important it is to pray. Circle up and let each person finish the sentence, "God you are _____." (Teachers, if your group is not ready for this yet, let them say it as a group, then you.)

Snack Time/CleanUp

Remind the kids that this is the church. Explain that we must keep it looking clean and neat. Ask them to help you pick up and clean up.

Planning for Jan. 18th
Jesus is baptized
Luke 3:7-22

Preschool Lesson
For
When Jesus was 12 years old

God wants us to listen and obey our parents. Let's see if Jesus obeyed His parents.

Every year Jesus' parents went to a special celebration in the Spring. This year, as usual, Mary, Joseph and Jesus traveled to Jerusalem for the celebration. They went with a big group of friends and family. The party was so much fun. They had lots of good food and told God how much they loved Him.

When the party was over, Mary and Joseph and the group traveled back to their home. (March with your feet) After a while, Mary and Joseph realized that Jesus was not anywhere to be found. They asked all their friends and family, but no one had seen Jesus.

Mary and Joseph rushed back to Jerusalem. They looked everywhere for Jesus. (Put your hand across your brow as if you were looking for Jesus; then call Jesus' name like you were looking for Him)

Finally, they found him. Do you know where Jesus was? He was in the temple church, talking to the leaders. They had been there talking together the whole time! The leaders were amazed at what Jesus knew.

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Jesus obeyed His parents in this story. He was good and did what His parents asked. It is important to listen and obey parents. In fact, the Bible tells us to do this.

God is good to us and wants us to be good to our parents. How can we be good to our mom or dad today?

Sing the "O-B-E-Y" song: (Debbie can help you know the tune)

O-B-E-Y, obey your mom and dad,
O-B-E-Y (shout it), makes them very glad,
Listen to the words they say,
Obey your parents every day,
O-B-E-Y, obey your mom and dad.



Hands-On Activities
For
When Jesus was 12 years old

Let the kids make reminders to help them obey their parents this week. Encourage them to put the note in a place they will see it and remember to do it.

Teachers, bring a picture of yourself when you were in the 6th grade or as a baby. The kids will get a kick out of seeing you as a child. Now, ask them to draw a picture of what they think Jesus must have looked like at 12 years old.

Have each child trace their hand. Bring measuring tape or stick and measure each person's height. Write it on the hand they have traced.

Make a helping hand reminder of ways to help our parents and honor them.

Bring a little sponge in a capsule. Add water and see how it expands. Talk about how Jesus grew and learned more and more about God. Talk about how He obeyed His parents and did what they said.

Share that Jesus would have read from a scroll. Make scrolls using straws (or Popsicle sticks) and paper sacks. Write the memory verse on it. Another idea is to make some scrolls with questions on them from the lesson. Let the children pick a scroll and answer the question.