

# Church School

Primary Life Application Story: "Questions Are Good"



### Teaching Point

Even as a child, Jesus wanted to honor God.

## Our Character: Jesus Christ

"The child grew up and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on Him."

*(Luke 2:40 (CEB) )*

"Jesus IS God's Son. Mary and Joseph were chosen by God to be Jesus' earthly parents."



### Content Input

Each step of His life prepared Him.



### Learning Activities

God sent Jesus to earth with a purpose.

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### LESSON

Jesus' visit to the temple was important because it showed that Jesus is God's Son

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### ACTIVITY

Intriguing questions to actively engage

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### CONCLUSION

What students should understand as a result of the lesson

## LESSON

God commanded His people to appear before Him three times a year to observe certain festivals. Passover was the biggest festival for the Jewish people. The Jewish people went to Jerusalem every year to celebrate Passover to remember the first Passover when God rescued His people from slavery in Egypt. Mary and Joseph were obedient and faithful Jews. They raised God's Son Jesus in a home honoring God's laws. When Jesus was twelve years old, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph walked many miles to Jerusalem from Nazareth for the Passover Festival together. Since Uber, trains, planes or cars, didn't exist back then, it took them a few days to arrive to Jerusalem.

### **"Didn't you know that I had to be here, dealing with the things of my Father?"**

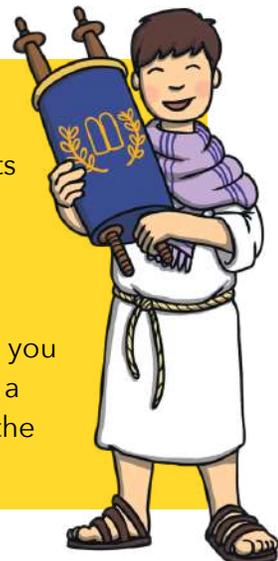
After celebrating Passover, they traveled in big groups home. Jesus stayed at the temple. Mary and Joseph thought Jesus was in the crowd with them. In Bible times, a Jewish boy was considered a man around the age of twelve. It was normal for Jesus to be on His own. When Mary and Joseph realized Jesus was missing, they went to Jerusalem to look for Jesus. They searched everywhere for Him, but they could not find Him in the big city. After three days of searching they found Him sitting in the Temple with the teachers. Listening to them and asking questions. People were surprised that Jesus understood so much at such a young age. When Jesus' parents saw Him, they were surprised too. His mother said, "Young man, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been extremely worried as we were looking for you."

Jesus said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I had to be here, dealing with the things of my Father?" But they had no idea what He was talking about. So, He went back to Nazareth with them, and lived obediently with them. Mary held these things dearly, deep within herself. And Jesus matured, growing up in both body and spirit, blessed by both God and people. God was happy with Him. Jesus is God's Son, and it was important that He honor His true Father.

## ACTIVITY

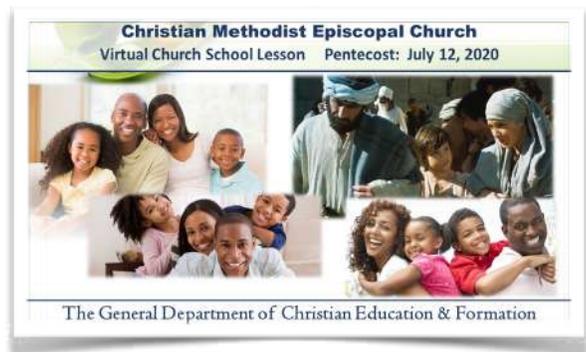
A series of pictures of several animals as adults and as babies are shared so that students might match each of them playing a digital version of "ANIMAL PLANET MATCHING GAME." Each animal is paired with their parent. God has given all of these creations and even more for us to admire.

In the activity, we saw how important it is for baby animals to stay with their parents. Have you experienced a time where we may have been separated from your parents? Or, maybe a time when you were lost? Take a moment to think about the situation and then compare the feelings and emotions to our story about Jesus and His parents.



## CONCLUSION

Jesus IS God's Son who came to do God's will. Mary and Joseph were chosen by God to be Jesus' earthly parents. Even at a young age, Jesus understood that He is God's Son. He understood and knew why He was on earth. We all should strive to grow in our understanding of God and live a life that pleases Him. Jesus grew in wisdom and understanding by knowing and obeying God's Word.



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## MUSICAL SELECTIONS

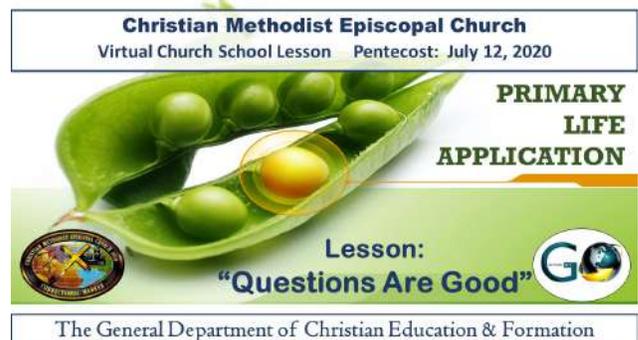
Oh, when the saints go marching in  
Oh, when the saints go marching in  
I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

## OPENING PRAYER

"Dear God, Thank you for giving us a glimpse of Jesus as a kid. We pray that we might find favor with You and others as we fulfill our purpose too. Help us always to be a light shining in the darkness so that we can share Your love with those around us. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen."

## CLOSING PRAYER

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