## Twelve-year-old Jesus

Find the 39 **bold** words from Luke 2:40–47 (ESV)

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C G N I T T I S R A E Y Z E F E N N E P Q D B Q F V T D L O U O G I W I S D O M D W H P U D R R O D S E R M Y L E U M N E T E T D N I F E F I L L E D Y S W L R O A B L H H V I T N A C Q U A I N T A N C E S P I T W T U F T S U S E J A T R H S E I Q A S I I U R E B E E R T A P V E P V R F E V N T B E H N J O U R N E Y O D I F H W R Z E R Q D Z J S A P N A E S E H C R A E S S Y H N G U A N E D E Z A M A S K I N G D R A M O N G Q P X B Z Q L A R D
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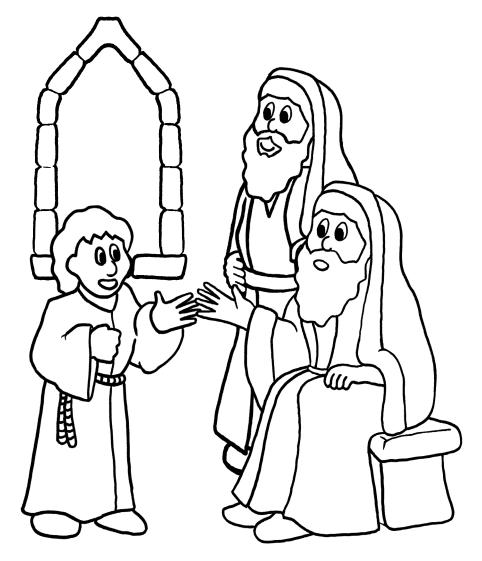
And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

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## **Today's Gospel Lesson**

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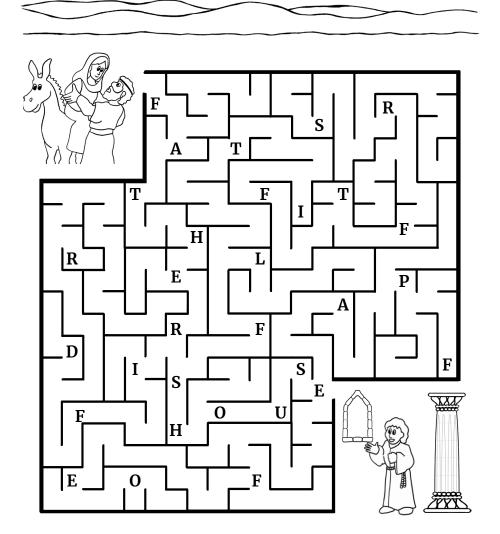


Mary and Joseph thought Jesus was lost. But he was in the temple, talking with the teachers!

## **Children's Worship Pages**

Mary and Joseph are searching for young Jesus.

Lead them through the maze, picking up letter "clues" as you go, and writing the letters at the bottom of the page!



Where was Jesus all along? As he told his parents when they found him in the temple, he was in his:

God told Solomon to "walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and commandments." Solomon later went on to write the book of Proverbs, which was full of wise advice.



Can you tell which of the following sayings is from the Ten Commandments, and which is from Proverbs? Write a "C" beside each commandment, and a "P" beside each proverb!

P "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."
"Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy."
"Honor your father and your mother."
"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."
"A man who is kind benefits himself, but a cruel man hurts himself."
"You shall not steal."
"The heart of a man plans his ways, but the Lord establishes his steps."
"You shall have no other gods before me."
"Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart."

Hint: To figure out which of these phrases comes from the Ten Commandments, look in Exodus 20:1-17. All other sayings come from the book of Proverbs.