LESSON 12

JESUS IN THE HOUSE OF GOD



Aim: **To show the children that even as a boy Jesus knew that his task on earth was to serve God – just like Samuel knew it.**

Scripture Reading: **Luke 2:41-52**

Memory Verse: **Psalm 1:1-2**
Blessed is the man …
[whose] delight is in
the law of the Lord …

Presenting the Lesson

Starting point

Every year we do certain things at certain times. For example, when the rains begin we plant seeds.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. **Remind the children of the story of Hannah and Elkanah's yearly journey to the house of God to worship and sacrifice there (Lesson 7).** Long after Samuel's time, Jesus lived as a child in Israel. When he was 12 years old he accompanied Mary and Joseph to Jerusalem for the great Feast of the Passover (see Book 2, Mighty People of God; 2:41-42).
2. People travelled to and from the feast in large family groups. They sang as they went. **Describe how Mary and Joseph thought Jesus was somewhere among the group on the way home.** They returned to Jerusalem to look for him (2:43-45).
3. After three days of searching they found Jesus in the temple, the house of God. He was talking to the Jewish teachers about God. Just imagine: a boy of 12 debating with what we would call university lecturers! The Jewish teachers were amazed at Jesus' wisdom. **Show Picture 12 (2:45-47).**
4. Mary and Joseph were completely surprised when they found Jesus doing this. **Read them verse 48.** Mary's question to Jesus shows that she was upset. Jesus showed by his answer that he knew he was the Son of God (2:49). Like Samuel Jesus knew his task on earth was to serve God. This is the noblest task anyone can have.

Our Response to the Story

God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be his perfect servant on earth. By doing that, God showed us what he is like and how he wants us to serve him. Even though he was the Son of God, Jesus returned with Mary and Joseph to Nazareth, where he was an obedient son to them (2:51-52).

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God made Jesus part of this human family, and God makes every one of us part of a family. Jesus showed us we can serve our Father in heaven by obeying our human parents.

Instil the Memory Verse

This verse sets us an example. Jesus followed it perfectly.

Review verse 1.



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