

Lesson 5: Jesus Grows Up

Luke 2:30-52

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/77zpRvfHcXY>

Worship Theme: Jesus is amazing.

Memory Verse: “And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” (Luke 2:52)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. In the Name of Jesus <https://youtu.be/0b41QksexPE>
2. Lord I Lift Your Name on High <https://youtu.be/rPE5QOHbo70>
3. Our God is Awesome <https://youtu.be/TU6HfxJXLvQ>

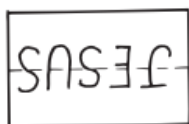
Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: Amazing Jesus

Materials Needed: Paper, marker

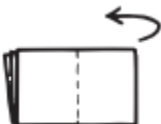
1. Give each child a paper and have them write “Jesus” in the center of the paper.
2. Explain to the children that sometimes, we get so busy that we turn the things that are important upside down, and Jesus is not in the center of our lives.



3. Turn the paper upside down and fold it following the direction on the side.



4. Fold it again following the direction - Ask God for forgiveness for letting the wrong things become the most important.



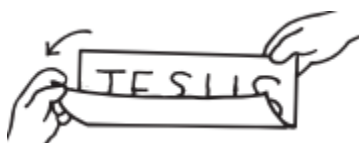
5. Fold it again. As the paper gets smaller, explain to the children that when Jesus gets smaller in our lives, we make God very unhappy.



6. Open the fold once - But God forgives us because he loves us.



7. Open the fold again - When God gets bigger in our lives, we start to feel happy and at peace.



8. Open to show Jesus written on the right side up - This is our amazing Jesus!

Introduction:

The bible does not tell us about the time after Jesus was born and moved to Egypt to hide from King Herod who wanted to kill him. In fact, the bible is mostly about Jesus as an adult. Today, we will learn the only part in the bible that tells us when Jesus was a boy. How do you think Jesus was when he was 12 years old?

Bible Story:

Today the Bible story we're looking at is about a time when Jesus' parents, Joseph and Mary, lost him. Jesus was 12 years old, and the family came to Jerusalem to worship God during Passover. Although not every family went to Jerusalem during Passover, we can see that Mary and Joseph were faithful parents because Luke 2:41 says, "**Every year** Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover." Mary and Joseph were good parents who chose to worship God.

The Bible says that when Jesus was at the Temple, he listened to the teachers, and he asked them questions without knowing that his parents left the Temple to go home. All of the teachers at the Temple were amazed by how much Jesus knew. Jesus knew more than other kids his age knew. Jesus probably knew so much that he could have taught the Temple teachers. That's amazing. Even though he was a boy, Jesus knew as much as the teachers knew. Jesus was different from other children.

Jesus is amazing because Jesus is God. He truly is perfect in every way. And the Bible tells us to be like Jesus—he's our example of how to live. Jesus is amazing because he makes us just like him when we allow him to change us. Jesus helps us change to be a little bit more like him every day. And that is truly amazing!

Questions to discuss:

1. How old was Jesus in the story today? (12 years old)
2. Why was Jesus at the Temple? (To worship God in Jerusalem during Passover)
3. What was he doing when his parents left to go home? (He stayed in the Temple to talk to the teachers)
4. How did the teachers at the Temple feel about Jesus? (They were amazed at his knowledge)
5. What can Jesus do for us? (He can change us to be more like him!)
6. Do you believe that God can bless young children like you with wisdom and confidence? (Yes)

Game: How Amazing Are Your Eyes?

In this game, the children will find an item from the classroom that the teacher calls out. The first person to bring the item to the teacher wins the game.

- Teacher: Please prepare big to small items for the classroom. Big items can be a chair, bible, paper; small items can be yellow color pencil, eraser, paper clip

After the game, explain to the children that we have trouble finding items, but Jesus is amazing because he can see and find everything!

Memory Verse:

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."(Luke 2:52)

Craft: Find Jesus

Color the scene of Jerusalem during Passover and find Jesus. (Hint: He was found in

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray**Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)**

Jesus was able to talk to the teachers at the Temple when he was only 12 years old. He showed that he was God even when he was a young boy. Jesus wants us to become like him in every way. As we get ready to teach the children this week, please spend some time to ask God for wisdom and love so that you can help the children to become more like Jesus.

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