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*Jesus as a Child (Luke 2:40-52) – Jesus' Life Before Ministry #2*  
Sunday, January 18, 2026

***Beyond our Walls***

- Sunday, 1/25, 5:30-8p
- South OP Auditorium
- Free (Dinner & Childcare)

**What was Jesus' childhood like?**

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that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, Philippians 3:10 NKJV



## What was Jesus' childhood like?

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And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.  
Luke 2:40 NKJV

His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. Luke 2:41 NKJV

And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast.  
Luke 2:42 NKJV

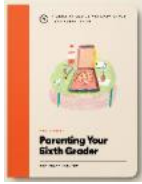
When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; Luke 2:43 NKJV

but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. Luke 2:44 NKJV

So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Luke 2:45 NKJV

## Jesus grew up in a family who put God first in their habits & rhythms





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Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. Luke 2:46 NKJV

And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. Luke 2:47 NKJV

So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.” Luke 2:48 NKJV

And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?” Luke 2:49 NKJV

But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. Luke 2:50 NKJV

### **By age 12, Jesus knew the Bible, His heavenly Father, His identity, & His purpose**

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Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. Luke 2:51 NKJV

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. Luke 2:52 NKJV

Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? Matthew 13:55 NKJV

Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” So they were offended at Him. Mark 6:3 NKJV

### **Jesus kept growing as He displayed a shocking level of submission & humility**

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**Jesus grew up in a family who put God first in their habits & rhythms**

**By age 12, Jesus knew the Bible, His heavenly Father, His identity, & His purpose**

**Jesus displayed a shocking level of submission & humility**

**This Week's Gospel of Luke Reading Plan:**

January 18 - Luke 16 + Luke 2:41-52

January 19 - Luke 17 + Luke 2:41-52

January 20 - Luke 18 + Luke 2:41-52

January 21 - Pray & Reflect

January 22 - Luke 19 + Luke 2:41-52

January 23 - Luke 20 + Luke 2:41-52

January 24 - Luke 21 + Luke 2:41-52

January 18

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NURSERY

## JESUS HELPS SICK PEOPLE

### THE PARALYZED MAN

In this series, we learn that Jesus helps sick people through the story of the paralyzed man. We learn that he has compassion for people who are sick, but can make us physically and spiritually whole

**Memory Verse:** Jesus Helps Us All. Matthew 11:28 (Adapted for Toddlers)

**Heart of the Lesson:** Jesus Helps Sick People, We Can, Too

**Parent Connect:** This week, make alphabet soup with your toddler. Discuss how Jesus helps us and makes us feel better. Ask, "How has Jesus made you feel better lately?"

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## EARLY LIFE OF JESUS

In this Series, we will go through the life of Jesus following his birth. We learn about His departure from Egypt, His return to Nazareth and His teaching at the temple as a kid. We also learn about Jesus' baptism and how He was tempted, how Jesus called his disciples and His first miracle!

**Memory Verse:** "Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people." Luke 2:52

**Heart of the Lesson:** Jesus Calls Us to Follow Him | Matthew 4

**Parent Connect:** Today we learned about Jesus calling his 12 disciples. Read Matthew 4 together as a family. Make or print your own matching game with all the disciples and play with your kid, helping them learn the disciples' names!

ELEMENTARY

## SETTING THE STAGE

### THE BOOK OF LUKE

This year we are walking through the book of Luke using various movie themes to group the stories into series. In our first series, we will set the stage with some facts about the gospel of Luke as well as the start of Jesus' ministry.

**Memory Verse:** Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people. Luke 2:52

**Heart of the Lesson:** Jesus is our example to follow | Luke 3, 4:1-13

**Parent Connect:**

- Read: Luke 2:41-52
- Talk: Jesus wanted to be around people who were learning and discussing about God. What do you want to learn about God?
- Do: Make a family list of things you want to learn about God.