

PARENT TAKE HOME SHEET

Jesus Grows and Obeys God | Luke 2:41-52

THIS WEEK'S LESSON AT A GLANCE

Week 37 | Sunday, September 13, 2026

Lesson: Jesus Grows and Obeys God

Bible Passage: Luke 2:41-52

Big Idea: Jesus always obeyed God, and He came to save us when we do not.

MEMORY VERSE

"Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them." Luke 2:51

What this means: Jesus is God the Son, yet He willingly obeyed Mary and Joseph as He grew up. Jesus never sinned. His perfect obedience matters because He came to save people like us who have not obeyed God perfectly.

TODAY YOUR CHILD LEARNED

When Jesus was twelve years old, He traveled with Mary and Joseph to Jerusalem for Passover. Passover helped God's people remember how He had rescued Israel from slavery in Egypt.

When Mary and Joseph began traveling home, they believed Jesus was somewhere among their relatives and friends. When they realized He was missing, they returned to Jerusalem and searched for Him.

They finally found Jesus in the temple courts, listening to the teachers, asking questions, and giving answers that amazed those who heard Him. Jesus told Mary and Joseph that He had to be in His Father's house. He was speaking about God as His Father and showing His unique identity as the Son of God. Then Jesus returned home with Mary and Joseph and obeyed them.

WHY THIS LESSON MATTERS

This lesson is about much more than telling children to behave. Jesus truly became human and knows what it is like to grow up. Yet unlike every other person, Jesus never sinned.

We have all disobeyed God. We cannot fix our sin simply by trying harder. Jesus lived the perfect life we could not live. He died on the cross for our sins and rose again. Those who turn from sin and trust Jesus are forgiven and receive new life. Jesus is not only our example. Jesus is our Savior.

TALK ABOUT IT AT HOME

Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem? He went with Mary and Joseph to celebrate Passover and remember how God rescued His people.

Where did Mary and Joseph find Jesus? In the temple courts, listening to teachers and asking questions.

Did Jesus ever sin? No. Hebrews 4:15 says He was tempted as we are, yet He did not sin.

Why do we need Jesus if we can try to behave better? Because we have already sinned and cannot save ourselves. Jesus died for our sins and rose again so we could be forgiven.

What can we do when we disobey? Tell God the truth, ask His forgiveness, trust Jesus, and ask the Holy Spirit to help us grow.

DEFENDING THE TRUTH AT HOME

A question your child may ask: "If Jesus is God, how could He grow up?"

A simple answer: Jesus is truly God and truly human. God the Son really became human, so He truly grew from a baby into a man, while never stopping being God.

You can also remind your child that it is all right to say, "I do not know because the Bible does not tell us." Christians do not need to make up answers. We can trust what God has actually said.

TRY THIS AS A FAMILY

Read Luke 2:46-52 together. Ask everyone to name one thing the Bible clearly tells us about Jesus. Then ask: "Where could Jesus help us obey what is right this week?" Let each person give a real example from home, school, work, or friendships.

PRAYER TO PRAY TOGETHER

Father, thank You for sending Jesus. Thank You that He never sinned and that He died for our sins and rose again. Please forgive us when we disobey. Holy Spirit, help us grow and learn to obey what is right. Help our family trust Jesus more each day. Amen.

A FINAL THOUGHT FOR PARENTS

Your child does not need a perfect parent to learn about Jesus. Small conversations matter. A verse read at bedtime, an honest prayer after a hard day, or admitting when we have been wrong can show a child what trusting Jesus looks like in real life.

The goal is not to raise a child who thinks good behavior earns God's love. The goal is to help your child know the Savior who loved us, died for us, rose again, and is still changing those who trust Him.