

## Preteen Jesus and the Temple Sleepover Luke 2:41-52

### **#1: Setting the Scene (vs. 41-42)**

*<sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom.*

### **#2: The Lost Messiah (vs. 43-45)**

*<sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> 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, <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.*

Jesus was Sinless:

- *He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth (1 Peter 2:22)*
- *For our sake he made himself to be sin who knew no sin (2 Corinthians 5:21)*
- *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15)*

### **#3: Reunited (vs. 46-47)**

*<sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.*

### **#4: The Significance of Fatherhood (vs. 48-50)**

*<sup>48</sup> And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup> And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them.*

### **#6 Increasing in Wisdom and Stature (vs. 51-52)**

*<sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.*

### **#5 Application Questions**

1. "What patterns do we have and how do they shape you?"
2. "Do I respond to authority in a God-honoring manner?"
3. "Do I approach Scripture with the posture of a learner?"
4. "Am I growing in understanding of my identity?"