

LOC #4, FC 4-5

- Mary & Joseph hurried back to the Temple as fast as they could; they searched for Him 3 days
- Had Jesus disobeyed His parents by staying behind? No. He was doing what God wanted
- It is different for us

MT, PAS – GOD WANTS YOU TO OBEY YOUR PARENTS

Col. 3:20 – “*Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord.*” (M.V.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

LOC #4, FC 4-6

- Jesus was listening to teachers; they were listening to Him
- The Lord Jesus was being obedient to His Heavenly Father
- Unlike Jesus, you and I do many wrong things; because of those ... we need a Saviour

INVITATION

John 1:12 – “*But as many as received Him* (if you take Jesus to be your Saviour), *to them* (you) *gave He power* (God gives you the privilege) *to become the children of God, even to them that believe on His name.*”

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BOW HEADS RESPONSE

CHALLENGE

G - Go over MT
**GOD WANTS YOU TO OBEY
YOUR PARENTS**

R - Review PAS verse
Col. 3:20 – “*Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord.*”

O - Overview PAS examples

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

W - Will you do it?

LIFE OF CHRIST #4

Matthew 2:19-23; Luke 2:40-52

- Who are you reminded of when you hear the following things?
- “Please pick up your clothes and put them away”
- “Don’t slam the door”; “I want you to apologize for hitting him”
- “Turn off that TV and go upstairs to bed right now!”
- Do you ever have a hard time obeying parents? Let’s see what we can learn today
- Mary & Joseph had taken Jesus to Egypt; the Bible doesn’t tell us how long they stayed there

LOC #4, FC 3-5

- One day, an angel appeared. “Get up,” angel said, “take the child and go back to Israel ...”
- ... Those planning to kill the baby Jesus are dead”
- Again the family prepared for a trip; would they go to Nazareth or back to Bethlehem?

- Joseph decided on Bethlehem, but then they got some bad news; Herod’s son was there

- He was just as mean and cruel as his father was

- Perhaps as Joseph prayed. God said, “Go to Galilee”; Nazareth was in Galilee!

- Joseph went back to work in the carpenter shop; there, the little boy, Jesus, grew up

- Jesus did most things little boys His age do, except there was one big difference

- Jesus never sinned

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- If Joseph asked Him to do something He didn’t want to do, He never made a fuss

- He was never mean; He never made fun of anyone; never disobeyed His parents

- Jesus wasn’t like us; you and I have sinned

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Romans 3:12 – “. . . *There is none that doeth good, no, not one.*”

- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- The Bible says Jesus grew and became strong; He not only grew in body, but in wisdom
 - Not hard to understand that God would love His perfect Son, but amazing to know He loves us

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- While Jesus was growing, Mary and Joseph must have been very careful to teach Him the Bible (*Old Testament*)
- The Bible tells us little about Jesus as a boy; it says "... *the Child grew ...*" (Luke 2:40)
- Other books tell us children over six went to school; their teachers were called *Rabbis*
- The children memorized a lot of the Old Testament
- Every Sabbath, He went to the synagogue, the place of worship
- At times during the year many people worshiped God in a special way at worship feasts

- Mary & Joseph surely explained these to God's Son, Jesus
- At least once a year, Joseph would go to Jerusalem to attend the Passover Feast
- Jesus probably had many questions about trips to Jeru.
- Jesus would have been eager to see the big Temple of God there
- I am sure He wanted to know more about feasts, especially the Feast of the Passover
- Passover had a wonderful meaning to the Jewish people
- Perhaps Mary said, "When You are old enough, we'll take You with us to Feast in Jerusalem"
- Jesus never begged or teased, He obeyed parents and waited

MT - GOD WANTS YOU TO OBEY YOUR PARENTS

- When Jesus was 12, He was allowed to go to the Feast of Passover in Jerusalem

LOC #4, FC 4-1

- Perhaps they traveled with others

- The trip took several days; at night they must have camped near the roadside
- The boy Jesus was surely thrilled at His first glimpse of God's magnificent Temple
- From a distance, it stood higher than all the other buildings
- It was beautiful; perhaps He praised God and repeated one of the Psalms He had memorized (*Read Psalm 122:1-2*)
- There were so many things to see and so much to learn

LOC #4, FC 4-2

- As lambs were killed at the Temple, the people were reminded of the first Passover
- The blood of lambs was caught in basins and sprinkled on the altar as a sacrifice for sins
- Families gathered, special meals, worshiped together
- Do you think that Jesus knew when He grew into a man He would die on cross for our sins?

LOC #4, FC 4-3

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Rom. 5:8 – "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

- Did Jesus know this would happen?

LOC #4, FC 4-4

- Teachers in the Temple looked wise; He wanted to talk to them
- Jesus was so interested in what the men were telling Him ...
- ... He didn't notice the crowd from Nazareth left for home
- Joseph traveled with the men and must have thought, *Jesus is with Mary*
- Mary must have walked with the women, thinking, *Jesus is with Joseph*
- When they did meet for lunch, they probably thought Jesus was with His cousins or some friends
- Toward evening they began to ask, "Have you seen Jesus?"
- Jesus was not to be found anywhere in the crowd