



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 1, Lesson 1

Jesus and His Father's House

Lesson Aim: To challenge children to make choices as Jesus did in his youth.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What do you want to be when you grow up?

GAME: Grow Up Tag

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO IS WITH US

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 122:1.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS GROWS UP

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God led the Magi to see baby Jesus in Bethlehem.

Today, we'll hear how young Jesus went to the temple. Point to the holy family's journey from Egypt to Nazareth on a map.

Jesus grew up in Nazareth. When He was twelve years old, He took a trip with His parents to celebrate the Passover in Jerusalem. Point to Jerusalem on map.

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 2:41-52. Find It First.
Highlight Key Verse: Luke 2:52. Pray. Read.

THE WAY GROWING AS JESUS DID

What was Jesus doing in the temple when His parents found Him? (Sitting and talking with the wise teachers.) **Jesus knew everything about God because He is God. Even though Jesus was already wise, how did He show respect to the teachers?** (He listened to them, asked them questions, and answered their questions.)

If you could spend special time with a wise person, who would that be? What would you like to ask someone who is very wise about God and the Bible?

How old was Jesus in this story? (Twelve.) **What did Jesus say to His mother?** ("Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?") **What do you think Jesus meant by this? Did Mary understand what Jesus was saying?** (No.) **Have you ever felt misunderstood by a parent? If so, how did you behave toward that parent?**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus knew He was God's Son, and that He needed to put God first before His earthly family. He also knew He must obey His earthly parents even when they did not understand everything about Him. Check out the law written nearly 1500 years before Jesus' parents found Him in the temple with the teachers.

Reveal Exodus 20:12. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

No one but God can understand everything about you. How can you honor your parents even in times when they don't seem to understand what is most important to you?

As you grow, you will face many difficult choices. Remember Jesus grew in favor with God and men. That means He pleased God and was able to please others without ever doing wrong in God's eyes. How might asking yourself, "Will this choice please God?" help you make wise choices each day?

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Healthy snack (box of raisins, fruit slices, etc.)
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #1
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus with His teachers in the temple
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Grow Up Healthy

GAME: Guess Who's Growing?

CRAFT: Carpenter's Carvings

DISCUSSION: Family Trips

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Wave, Find the Verse Race

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW