



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 1, Lesson 1

Jesus and His Father's House

Lesson Aim: To inspire children to model Jesus' childhood.

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

Where did His parents finally find Jesus? (In the temple court.)

What was Jesus doing? (Sitting and talking with the wise teachers.)

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? In what four ways did Jesus grow? (In wisdom, stature, pleasing God and pleasing man.)

1. **Jesus grew in WISDOM.** How have you grown wiser this year? How has coming to church helped you grow wiser?
2. **Jesus grew in STATURE.** That means He grew taller. As you grow, what new responsibilities have you been given?
3. **Jesus grew in FAVOR WITH GOD.** That means He pleased God. In what ways do you think God was pleased with Jesus as a growing boy? (He was in His Father's house, loved God and others, obeyed all Ten Commandments, etc.) **In what ways do you think God is pleased with you?**
4. **Jesus grew in FAVOR WITH MEN.** What does that mean? (Pleasing others.) **In what ways do you think Jesus' family, friends and teachers were pleased with Him?** Discuss how Jesus might have honored and served others as a child. **In what ways can you honor and serve others?**

Where is our heavenly Father's house of worship? (At every place where the church gathers to worship.) **Where did Jesus go to be in His Father's house?** (The temple.) **What are some other names for the place where we gather to worship God?** (God's house, local church names, my Father's house, house of the Lord.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus wanted to be in His Father's house, just as King David did one thousand years earlier. Let's find out what King David said about the temple (the house of the Lord). Reveal Psalm 27:4. Find It First. Highlight. Read. **Why do you think God wants us to be in His house? What is your favorite thing about being in there?**

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- **TREASURE TREAT:** Healthy snack (box of raisins, fruit slices, etc.)
- **DAILY WAY CHALLENGE**
- **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