

## ***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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# ***JESUS IN THE TEMPLE***

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**LUKE 2:41-52**  
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**When Jesus was twelve years old,  
his family and friends  
went on a long journey to Jerusalem.**

**They were going there for a festival  
called the Passover.**



**The Passover began when Moses was alive and God's people were slaves in Egypt. God was about to free them.**

**God's people sprinkled the blood of a lamb or a goat around their doorways.**

**When the angel of the Lord saw the blood on their doorway, he passed over their house and their eldest son was saved.**

**Every year after the first Passover, God's people remembered that God saved them by celebrating the Passover festival.**

**This was the festival that Jesus was now attending.**



**After the festival,  
everyone started on their long  
journey home, except Jesus.  
He stayed in Jerusalem.**

**His Mother and Father  
did not know He was there.  
They thought He was  
with their friends.**

**Everyone walked along  
singing, talking  
and playing games  
unaware that Jesus was  
not with them.**

**At the end of the day,  
Mary and Joseph  
looked for Jesus  
among their relatives  
and friends.**

**They could not  
find Him anywhere.**



**Mary and Joseph  
hurried back to Jerusalem  
and looked everywhere  
for Him.**

**Where did they find Him?**



**He was in the temple,  
listening to the teachers of the law  
and asking them questions.**

**The Teachers were amazed  
at what He understood  
and the questions  
He asked about God.**

**They did not realise  
He was the Son of God.**



**When Mary saw Jesus she asked,  
'Why didn't You come home with us?'**

**Jesus answered,  
'Why were you looking for Me?  
Didn't you know  
I had to be in  
My Father's house?'**

**Who was His Father?  
It was God and  
the Temple was God's house.**

**Mary and Joseph thought about  
all of these things.  
They were learning  
what it meant that Jesus  
was God's Son.**



**Jesus went home with Mary and Joseph.  
He obeyed them.  
He grew up to be wise.**

**God, His Father, blessed Him  
and people loved Him.**

