


Luke
2:39-51

“Growing in
Wisdom and
Stature”



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Home


- Traveling to China
- Coming home
- Heaven as home
- Our homes
 - A refuge
 - A comfort
 - A challenge
- The house of the Lord



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Background

- Passage takes place when Jesus is 12 years old
- Only story of his boyhood
- Myths
- Self-awareness and love for the Father’s house



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Passover

- Pilgrimage feasts
- 80-mile journey from Nazareth
- Passover and Unleavened Bread last 8 days
- Fathers brought their sons at age 12 (foreshadowing)



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Family Priorities

- We get another peek into Jesus' home life
- They made obedience to God the priority
- They made worship at the Temple a priority



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Lost

- Jesus was trusted by his parents who gave him freedom and responsibility
- They "supposed"
- Traveling customs
- Ever left a kid somewhere?



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Transition

- Jesus stays behind purposely
- Jesus is entering manhood
- Bar Mitzvah
- He is walking His Father's path



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The Search

- After three days
- Looking = Continuously searching
- They find him at the Temple



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The Temple

- Big picture
- The manifest presence of God was in the Temple
- Transcendent God becomes imminent
- Greatest Gift of the Covenant



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The Temple

- Psalm 27, 42, 84
- "Zeal for your house consumes me" (psalm 69)
- Tremendous love for the Temple
- The Glory had again filled the Temple



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Found

- Jesus' parents find him sitting among the teachers of the Law listening and asking questions
- They were amazed at his understanding and his answers



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Found

- Mary and Joseph were astonished when they found Jesus
- Why were they astonished?
- Jesus was a normal kid



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Rebuke

- “Why have you treated us like this”
- “**Behold**, your father and I have been looking for you”
- The relationship is changing
- Remember the sword, Mary



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Response

- Why were you searching for me? Didn't you know **I had to be (must)** in my Father's house?
- First recorded saying of Jesus
- My Father



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Takeaways

- Are you absorbed with doing the Father's things?
- Do we love the Lord's house?
- We are the Temple.
- While we cannot, what do we do?
- My story



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