



Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus.
Jesus was in the temple teaching.
Jesus was doing God's work.

Dear Parent:

Today we talked about Jesus being fully God and fully man. He was born a baby, grew to become a boy, and then became a man. Jesus was a man who never sinned. Jesus was always God.

Each week your child brings home a Good News book. Why not gather up books one through six and read through them together? The review will remind them of how Jesus was once a baby and grew to become a boy of 12. At the age of 12, he went to the temple not only to worship God, but also to teach about God. Next week we will begin talking about Jesus' adult ministry.

Lesson Six: *Jesus in the Temple*

Scripture

Luke 2:40–52

Lesson Aim

To learn that Jesus always obeyed God, even as a child

Memory Work

*There is but one Lord,
Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 8:6b

First Catechism

1. Who made you? *God.*
2. What else did God make? *God made all things.*
3. Why did God make you and all things? *For his own glory.*
4. How can you glorify God? *By loving him and doing what he commands.*
5. Why are you to glorify God? *Because he made me and takes care of me.*
6. Is there more than one true God? *No. There is only one true God.*
7. In how many Persons does this one God exist? *In three Persons.*

A Read-to-Me Bible Story

When Jesus was 12 years old, he went on a long trip with his family and friends. He went to the temple in the big city of Jerusalem. Jesus and the others remembered the many good things God had done.

Mary and Joseph started on their way home, but they couldn't find Jesus. Mary and Joseph looked and looked for him. They finally found Jesus in the temple. Jesus was talking about God's Word with the teachers. Jesus told his parents, Mary and Joseph, that he had work to do for God.

Jesus went home with Mary and Joseph. He got taller and wiser. Jesus always obeyed his mom and dad. God was pleased with him and so were the people who watched him grow.

