

A Year with the Catechism

Introduction

Jesus at 12 in the Temple

Opening Prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

As we watch Jesus as a young boy, He learned about the Bible. Teach us that we should study the Bible, to learn about You and that we can and should believe and trust in You.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Memory Work:

Bible verse:

⁴⁹ Jesus said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you realize that I had to be in my Father's house?" (*Luke 2:49*)

Catechism:

As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household.

Focus:

Here Jesus is a good example. He studied and learned the Scriptures, so that He could give a good answer (1 Peter 3:15). The reason we are here is to build and strengthen our faith, and our trust in God's Holy and Sacred Word.

Lesson:

Luke 2:41-52



Every year Mary and Joseph would travel to Jerusalem for the Passover festival.

One time, when Jesus was twelve year old, they went as usual. However, when they left for home they didn't realize that Jesus was not with them.



They traveled for a whole day before they noticed that He was not with them or their family, so they walked all the way back. They looked and looked but could not find Him.

After three days they finally found Him in the Temple sitting with the religious teachers. He was listening to them, and asking them questions. The teachers were amazed at His understanding and His answers.



When his parents saw Him they were relieved.

They were a little angry too. Mary asked Him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been worried sick looking for you!”



Jesus said, “Why were you looking for me? Didn’t you realize that I had to be in my Father’s house?”

They didn’t realize that He was talking about His Heavenly Father.

However, He returned to Nazareth and was obedient to them. Mary treasured all these things in her heart.

Jesus grew in wisdom and maturity. He gained favor from God and people.



Review:

What festival did they go to every year? Passover

How old was Jesus the year they lost Him? 12

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Closing Prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Dear God, help us to learn from Jesus’ example so that we are excited to learn about You, and all that You have done to save us.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.