

Youth Devotional

Date: January 10, 2021

Scripture: Luke 2:39-52

Topic: Talk with the Teachers

Recommended Devotional Process:

- Read the scripture
- Read the scripture again looking for a word, phrase or verse that speaks to you.
- Take some time to thoughtfully consider the word, phrase or verse
- Ask yourself what God is saying to you in the word, phrase or verse you selected.
- How can you respond or what is your main take-away from the word, phrase, verse or message

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³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

The Boy Jesus at the Temple

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"^[a] ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Reflection/Questions:

- Why do you think Jesus stayed behind to meet with the teachers in the temple?
- Jesus was listening to the teachers and then asking questions. Listening and then asking thoughtful questions is great advice?
- Everyone was amazed at Jesus wisdom and understanding. How can you grow in wisdom? What steps are required? How can you grow in a greater understanding of God and Jesus?
- Mary had to let go of her boy because he was transitioning into a young man. Do you feel you are at a state of transition in your life or in your faith journey?