

Answers for Life: Purpose

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MESSAGE NOTES

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Introduction

Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when He became twelve, they went up *there* according to the custom of the Feast; ⁴³and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But His parents were unaware of it, ⁴⁴but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and they *began* looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. ⁴⁵When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem looking for Him. ⁴⁶Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. ⁴⁸When they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You." ⁴⁹And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand the statement which He had made to them. ⁵¹And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all *these* things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

So What?!

This year let's:

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#2. Embrace personal humility.

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#3. Increase in wisdom and stature... vs. 52

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Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: Did you engage in any New Year's resolutions? What were they?

Read out loud: Luke 2:41-52

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Whether you're an introvert or an extrovert asking good questions and patiently listening to answers is a discipline and an art. When you meet someone new do you have any stock questions you ask to get to know them? When you come home from work and meet your spouse or kids do you have any questions you like to ask? What did you learn from the sermon that was new and interesting?

#2. Embrace personal humility...He continued in subjection to them; vs. 51

Who's one person you've known that you thought was humble while also maintaining their dignity or leadership position? One of the greatest ways we learn humility is when we serve our children, parents, friends when they're sick, can you think of a memory of serving without being too graphic or gross!?

#3. Increase in wisdom and stature... vs. 52

Jesus grew in wisdom, which means He had to be able to learn new things as a human! What did you learn during High School that was really motivating to you?

What have you learned from Bible application lately? What's one subject you're still interested in from which you learn?

Family Time: Read this whole story about Jesus to your kids. Talk with them about the area they're most interested in and from which they love to learn. Can you think of a field trip you can do with them to learn more about that subject?