



<sup>41</sup> Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. <sup>43</sup> After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. <sup>44</sup> Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> 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.'

<sup>49</sup> 'Why were you searching for me?' he asked. 'Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?' <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>51</sup> Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. Luke 2

## #1. BE \_\_\_\_\_ ABOUT YOUR PRIORITIES

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<sup>20</sup> Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. <sup>21</sup> When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, 'He is out of his mind.' Mark 3

<sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting round him, and they told him, 'Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.'

<sup>33</sup> 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' he asked.

<sup>34</sup> Then he looked at those seated in a circle round him and said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.' Mark 3

## #2. BE \_\_\_\_\_ ABOUT YOUR PREFERENCES

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### #3. BE \_\_\_\_\_ ABOUT YOUR PURPOSE

<sup>28</sup> So Jesus said, 'When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. <sup>29</sup> The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.' John 8

<sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing near by, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' <sup>27</sup> and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. John 19

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What is one tension you face between fulfilling your personal agenda and your family responsibilities?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How do you want to manage your family tensions differently after hearing this message?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What would you say is your purpose in life and how does it influence the way you make priorities and treat your family?