MEMORY VERSE: AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG US; AND WE SAW HIS GLORY, GLORY AS OF THE ONLY SON FROM THE FATHER, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.**JOHN 1:14**

Field Expedition Overview (Leader Guide)

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FAITH ADVENTURE THROUGH THE LIFE & MISSION OF CHRIST

Digging for Truth (Lesson): One of Us

- **Read**
  - **Luke 2:41-52**
  - **Ephesians 6:1-3**
- **Lesson**

- **Luke 2:41-42** When Jesus was 12 his family traveled to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover.
  - This is somewhat similar to how many of us travel during the holiday season.
  - Jesus is coming of age; no longer a child moving towards adulthood. Old enough to understand the law and rules. He would be held responsible for his actions.
- **Luke 2:43-45** Spent several days at the festival; then the family began their return trip home but Jesus stayed behind. His family didn't know. After a day of travel they noticed and they returned to Jerusalem.
  - How could they not notice Jesus wasn't with them? Traveling in a caravan - Many people traveling together
- **Luke 2:46** They spent three days looking for Jesus before finding him. After three days they found Jesus sitting with the religious leaders of the temple, listening and asking questions. He wasn't off goofing off somewhere.
  - Three days? Wow! This was a big city with MANY people who had come for the feast of Passover. About 3x as many people that lived there would have made the pilgrimage for the festival.
  - Foreshadowing to the three days in the grave Jesus own prophecy John 2:19-21.
- **Luke 2:47**Those who were around were amazed; He had great understanding and answers.
- Luke 2:48-50 Mary asks Jesus why would he cause such distress to her as she has been anxiously looking for him. This emphasizes He is under his parents authority just like we are.
- **Luke 2:49** 49 And 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 [a]house?"
  - Jesus responds with what is the first recorded statement we have of Jesus
  - He is revealing He knows His purpose and acknowledging that His obedience is first to God.
- **Luke 2:51** Jesus obeys His parents wishes and returns to Nazareth with them He submits to the authority over him. He didn't break God's order of authority; he surrendered to it, being submissive to His parents while still obeying God.
- **Luke 2:52**Jesus continued to grow.
  - LIKE US - being fully human - He had more growth to do.
    - Wisdom (understanding and application of knowledge)
    - Pursuing Godly knowledge instead of the world's. .
    - Stature (physical growth)
    - Favor
      - God (Relationship with God)
      - Man (Relationships with people)

Compass (Ultimate Truth - Bottom Line): Jesus is Obedient

- Jesus showed us how to obey authority that is placed over us. Jesus demonstrated obedience. First to God and also to His earthly parents. We are called to submit to God first and the authority He places over us as an act of submission to Him.
  - **Romans 13:1**
  - **1 Peter 2:13-14**
  - **Ephesians 6:1-3**
- We should continue to Grow
  - Jesus had to continue to grow in wisdom (understanding and application of knowledge.) Sometimes our pride tempts us to think we know everything or have "arrived" at full understanding. It's a common flesh part of adolescence. We can learn from Jesus and guard against the earthly tendency of thinking we know it all and not pursuing true understanding.

Lantern - A Light in the Darkness (Gospel Connection)

- We are called to surrender to Jesus (**Galatians 2:20**) Have you surrendered to Him?