

JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke: 'Unintentionally Leaving Jesus Behind; A Mother's Day Message

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(Luke 2:39-52)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies throughout 2022 focus on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke's Gospel and his Book of Acts. Every Sunday we study and apply God's Word. In Luke 2, when Jesus was 12-years-old, He was unintentionally left behind in Jerusalem by His family, surfacing:

I. God demonstrates the value of family (2:41-52)

II. Issues that should be settled by age 12 (2:41-51)

A. Church attendance (2:41, 49; 4:16) B. Respect (2:46) C. The purpose of life (2:49) D. Authority (2:51)

III. We must grow as He did (2:52)

A. Jesus grew in wisdom: intellectual development B. Jesus grew in stature: physical development C. Jesus grew in favor with God: spiritual development D. Jesus grew in favor with men: social development

IV. Qualities of strong families

A. They are committed B. They express appreciation to each other C. They practice good communication patterns D. They spend time together E. They solve problems in a crisis F. They have an active faith

CONCLUSION

Our Bible study of Jesus at age 12 shows us how to avoid unintentionally leaving Him behind in our own lives:

1. Know your identity: be secured by Him
2. Know your heart: be motivated by Him
3. Know your Father's business: be involved in His work

-Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life -

Our 2022 Bible study focuses on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke's Gospel and from his Book of Acts. Our Verse-of-the-Week today is Psalm 121:1-2, I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Read today's Bible text, Luke 2:39-52. What does this tell you about JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke?

What does this Bible text tell us about family?

1. How easy it is for a parent to get separated from his or her child? Why? Do you

know of a time when this ever happened in your family? What happened?

2. Answer the following as TRUE or FALSE:

T F Jesus was on a family trip with his folks to Jerusalem.

T F Joseph and Mary intentionally left Jesus behind.

T F Jesus was raised to worship God and honor his parents.

T F According to Scripture, Jesus' example included weekly worship.

T F Jesus recognized His parents' authority and was obedient to them.

T F Strong families practice an active faith together.

T F Luke 2:52 sets the example for our personal growth.

T F Ultimate freedom is to be secure with our identity in Christ.

T F Following Jesus' example includes being involved in our Father's work.

T F Jesus "had to be in His Father's house" and so must we!

3. Occasionally, one of our church families arrives at home after church, only to

discover that one of their children has been left at church! How can this happen?

How do you explain what happened to Joseph and Mary in Luke 2:41-51?

4. When Joseph and Mary discovered they had unintentionally left Jesus behind,

how might they have felt? Why? What did they do? Is it possible for us to

unintentionally leave Jesus behind today? How so?

5. Our Bible study surfaced several issues that should be settled by age twelve.

Can you add other issues to the list? What if such issues are not settled?

6. Luke 2:52 lists four areas in which Jesus grew. List other areas of life that are

essential for personal growth and development.

7. Imagine living today without faith, without knowing Jesus, without knowing how

to pray, and without a supportive church family. Now think about your neighbors,

your coworkers, your relatives, your classmates, your friends, and people in your

circle of acquaintance. Who needs your faith, your Jesus, your prayers, your

church family? Will you ask Jesus to make His appeal to them through you?

8. I will put today's Bible study into action now by: