

## Grow Like Jesus

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### Jesus' parents laid the foundation for his relationship with God.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him. Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. Luke 2:39-42

### Jesus was perceptive.

After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. Luke 2:46-47

### Jesus knew His identity.

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Lk 2:49-50

### Jesus was obedient to his parents.

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. Luke 2:51

### Jesus grew in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and people.

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Luke 2:52

### When we put our faith in God, He adopts us into His family and God uses every season of our lives to make us more like Jesus.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. Romans 8:28-29

### Let's become more like Jesus by:

- Growing in wisdom.
- Growing in stature.
- Growing in favor with God.
- Growing in favor with people.

## Let's Connect

- Share a memorable Christmas tradition your family had when you were a child.

## Let's Talk About It

The Christmas story is a beautiful reminder of God sending his Son Jesus into the brokenness of our world to be our Savior and Lord. Through faith in Jesus, we're adopted into his family. We are comforted with the understanding that our seasons of life are purposeful opportunities to become more like Jesus. This Christmas season, let's become more like Jesus by growing in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and people.

Galatians 4:4-5; Luke 2:21; Luke 2:39-52; Romans 8:28-29; Colossians 2:6-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

- Which part of the message impacted or challenged you?
- Read Luke 2:39-52. When it comes to faith, the Bible and application of it, how teachable are you? Do you have people you allow to speak into your life? Why or why not? How does Jesus' example of listening and asking questions encourage you to be open and teachable?
- What steps can you take to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of God?
- What steps can you take to grow your physical health and purity? How do you take care of your physical health and purity?
- What does it look like to grow in favor with God? What does it mean to grow in favor with people? What would this growth look like in your life and relationships?

## Take a Step

What step can you take this week to grow and become more like Jesus in each of these four areas of your life: wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and people?

## Here's My Prayer

Thank you, Lord, that you use every season of my life to develop me and make me more like Jesus. May You speak to me on how you'd want me to grow in wisdom and knowledge of who You are. Guide me to grow physically healthy and honor You with my body. Give me a greater desire to abide more in You. Help me fight against the temptation to grow inward and isolated this season and make myself available to be around socially with others. In Jesus name. Amen.