

LESSON 17

JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

Luke 2:41-52

Every year, Mary and Joseph went on the long trip to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. When Jesus was twelve years old, he went with them to keep the feast. When the feast was over it was time for Jesus and his family to go back home.

Mary and Joseph left with their friends, and travelled for a whole day before they found out that Jesus was missing. They hurried back to Jerusalem to look for him.

After three days they found Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem sitting with the teachers there, talking with them and asking them questions. He wanted to learn more about God, his Father. Mary, Joseph and Jesus returned to their home in Nazareth.

ACTIVITY

Follow the road to find Jesus in the Temple. Use sand for the pathway, sandpaper for the rocks, crepe paper for the trees, glitter for the flowers, etc to decorate the picture. Draw Mary and Joseph on the road.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Draw your own picture about the story - e.g. the journey, the city, the Temple.

Using fan-folded paper, draw and cut out a line of paper dolls (attached at the hands) and colour them to be the teachers talking with Jesus.

Use a sandtray to act out the story, with a small box for the Temple at the end of a roadway through the sand. Show peg/ pipe cleaner/ plastic figures of Mary and Joseph leaving the Temple without Jesus.

They found Jesus in the Temple.

