

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

The Boy at the Temple

from Luke 2:41-52

Jesus is lost, then found in God's house.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Jesus
- Passover
- Mary
- Joseph
- Temple
- Teachers

This is the only story in the Bible about Jesus when he was a child. It appears only in the Gospel of Luke.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 230-233

Spark Bible pages 1131-1132

Family Prayer

Thank you, God, for our church. Thank you for everything we learn about you and about Jesus. Be with everyone who works at our church and everyone who worships you there. In Jesus' name we pray... AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT

Family Conversations

- 1** What do you like best about church? What do you like the least?
- 2** If you were going to teach a class at church, what would you teach?
- 3** What special celebrations do you like sharing with family and friends?
- 4** Take some time to review your family's safety plan(s) for when you become separated. What should the children do? What will the adults do? What is your family's plan for scary situations when you are unable to find each other?

Eye Spark

Do you know any twelve-year-olds? When you see them, remember that's how old Jesus was in this story.

Ear Spark

Listen to the sounds and noises at church. Think about what Jesus might have heard when he was in God's house as a child.

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LIVE IT

For families to do together

Play "Scenarios" next time you're in the car. Take turns giving each other "scenarios" in which you are lost or separated from the group. Test each other to see if you all know the correct safety measures for a variety of situations.

For younger kids

Make a special gift like a picture, cookies, or a thank you note for those who teach you at church.

For older kids

Jesus' family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. Research the Passover celebration then and now. What resources are available online? At your local library? At a local synagogue?

