

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: December 26, 2021
First Sunday after Christmas
Luke 2:41-52

We've been talking for a month about Advent and the expectation of the coming of the Messiah. Yesterday, we celebrated his arrival. Today, we talk about one of the few stories we have from Jesus' early life

1. What do we learn in verse 41 that sets the backdrop for this text? _____

2. Is our celebration and recognition of the things God has done for us as consistent? Yes _____
No _____ Explain. _____

3. When, according to verses 42-43, does this story take place?
 - a. When Jesus was 12 years old.
 - b. During the festival (specifically the Festival of the Passover).
 - c. Well, actually, most of this story takes place after the festival was over.
4. What happened in verses 44-46?
 - a. Apparently, Jesus' family left with out him.
 - b. Jesus' family thought he was with them, so they must have been traveling in a large group of family and friends.
 - c. When his family couldn't find them, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him.
 - d. Even when his family returned to Jerusalem, it took them 3 days to find him.
5. Where was Jesus when they found him? _____
What was he doing? _____
What does verse 47 tell us about the people who were listening to him? _____
6. Why do you think they were so amazed (see also Matthew 7:29)?
 - a. Well, he was 12.
 - b. The religious leaders had been through extensive training in the scriptures. It is not clear if his answers were amazing because they exceeded the teachers or simply because they displayed remarkable wisdom for his age, but either way, it was clear that Jesus was different from other 12-year-olds.
7. How did his parents respond when they found him?
 - a. They were astonished.
 - b. They said, "why have you treated us like this?"
8. How did Jesus respond, according to verse 49? _____
Have you ever lost track of your kids for a little while? _____
Have you ever had kids that lose track of time and get left? _____
How about for 3 days? _____
If you left your child behind in a town, where would you look for them first? _____
9. What does verse 51 tell us about Jesus and his relationship to his parents? _____

What does verse 52 tell us? _____
How does this differ from how we often think of Jesus? _____