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Family Holiday in Jerusalem for the Passover Festival



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Let's pray

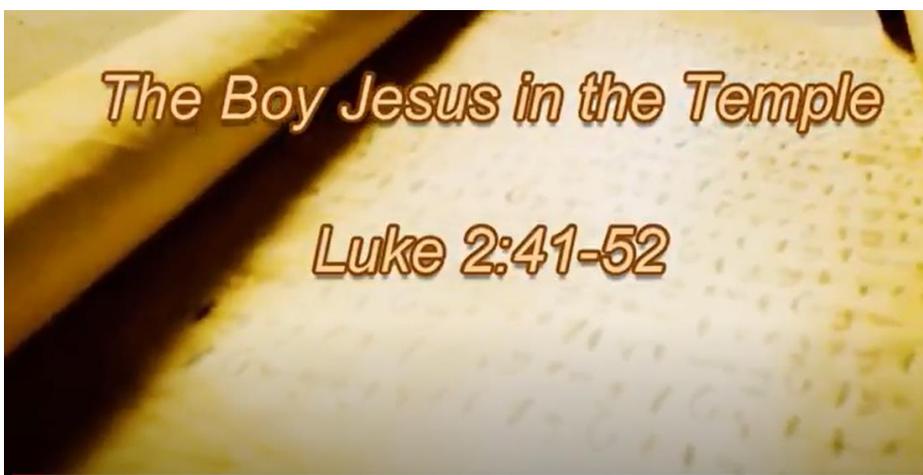
Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you for our family and ask that you would help us to understand and learn from your example in the Bible passage today. Amen.

Introduction

In today's Bible passage, Jesus was 12 years old when his family went on their annual holiday trip to Jerusalem from their home in Nazareth. They were going to celebrate the Passover festival. The trip was around 140 kilometres and could have taken 5 days to walk. They travelled in a big group of friends and family. The Passover festival was a great time of feasting and new things to see and do. The Passover festival is still celebrated today and is a reminder that God, in a miraculous way, allowed the Israelite people to escape from slavery in Egypt.

Have you ever been lost, maybe in a shopping centre or in a large crowd? I am sure that your parents would have been very, very upset, looking everywhere for you and asking others for help! Jesus' parents couldn't find him and looked for him for 3 days!!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BjuSdwcX4Dg>



Luke Chapter 2 verses 41- 52.

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover.

⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

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

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Questions

1. Where did Mary and Joseph find Jesus and what was He doing? See verse 46.
2. How did Jesus please both Mary and Joseph and God his heavenly Father?
3. In what ways did Jesus grow? See verse 52.
4. How can we learn more about God and get to know Him better?

Jesus pleased God by spending time in God's house and talking with the Jewish teachers. When Mary and Joseph found him, he was obedient and went back to Nazareth with them.

Just as Jesus was obedient to his parents, we please our parents when we listen, obey and be respectful to them.

Memory verse

Psalm 86:11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you for your example. We ask your help in obeying our parents. Please forgive us when we do and say the wrong thing. Thank you that you love each of us so much that you were willing to become a child like us. Amen

Unleavened Bread

Unleavened bread is bread without yeast or a raising agent and was made by the Israelites when they escaped from slavery in Egypt as they didn't have time to wait for bread with yeast to rise... so unleavened bread is eaten at Passover Festival as a reminder of their speedy escape.

Ingredients

- 1 cup plain flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup cold water

Method

1. Mix all ingredients until dough comes together. Knead with clean hands.
2. Divide dough into 4 pieces and form into balls.
3. Roll out each on a lightly floured board as thinly as possible.
4. Pre heat frypan over medium / low heat.
5. Cook for 2 minutes on each side or till some golden colour is seen.
6. Enjoy warm with your favourite dip.

