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JESUS FOUND IN THE TEMPLE

When Jesus was a boy, twelve years old, He was taken up to the feast of the Passover. For the first time He saw the holy city of Jerusalem and the Temple of the Lord. He knew He was in His Father's house.

The boy Jesus was so filled with love for His Father and the worship of Temple that when it was time to go home to Nazareth, He stayed behind. The group of people who were traveling together was large, at first He was not missed, but when night came and Jesus could not be found, His Mother became very much worried. The next day Mary and Joseph left their group and hurried back to Jerusalem. They sought Him among their friends and relatives who were living in the city, but could not find Him.

On the third day, still looking for their boy, they went to the Temple. There they found Him, sitting with the teachers of the Law, listening to their words and asking them questions. Everyone was surprised at the boy's knowledge of the word of God.

His Mother spoke to Him sadly "Son, why have You treated us in this way? Your father and I have been seeking for You with sad hearts."

"Why did you look for me?" said Jesus. "Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

Jesus answered His Mother very gently. He thought she would have known that He must think about God's work, and surely she should have looked for Him first of all in His Father's house, for He was God's own Son. Yes, He was Mary's Son but He was God's Son, too. However, when He had gently reminded her of this, He obediently went home to Nazareth with her.

Mary and Joseph did not understand these words, but Mary often thought about them afterward, for she treasured in her heart every word Jesus had spoken.

CHAPTER 8: JESUS IS FOUND IN THE TEMPLE

- 1) WHERE WAS JESUS TAKEN AT THE AGE OF 12?**

- 2) WHAT DID JESUS DO WHEN IT WAS TIME TO LEAVE JERUSALEM AND GO BACK TO NAZARETH?**

- 3) HOW LONG DID IT TAKE JOSEPH AND MARY TO FIND HIM?**

- 4) WHERE DID THEY FIND HIM?**

- 5) WHAT DID JESUS SAY TO HIS MOTHER WHEN SHE TOLD HIM SHE WAS LOOKING FOR HIM?**

- 6) WHAT WAS JESUS DOING IN THE TEMPLE?**

- 7) WERE THE TEACHERS SURPRISED AT JESUS KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORD OF GOD?**

