

Jesus at the Temple

Matthew 2:19-23

Spring Unit 1:
Jesus is God's Son

Bible Verse:
"I will praise you, oh Lord, with all my heart.
I will tell of all your wonders." Psalm 92:1

God's Word & Me (Bottom Line):
I can learn about God and His Son, Jesus



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Mary, Joseph and Jesus were living in Egypt. One night, God told Joseph, "It is safe to take Mary and Jesus home now." They packed their things and walked to their own town of Nazareth. Joseph was a carpenter. Carpenters use tools and nails to make chairs, tables and other things from wood. As Jesus grew, He probably learned to use a **hammer**. He probably cut wood with a saw. Jesus helped Joseph make things out of wood.



Every year many people traveled to worship God at the Temple in Jerusalem. When Jesus was 12 years old, His family traveled to the Temple, too. Many families walked together to go to the Temple.



Mary, Joseph and Jesus could **see** the beautiful Temple. They were glad! Many people prayed and sang glad songs to God at the Temple. They listened to God's Word. They ate special meals and talked to their friends.

Then the visit was over. Many people were **walking** home with Jesus' family. Joseph and Mary thought Jesus was walking with their friends. But Jesus wasn't! Jesus was still in Jerusalem!



When everyone stopped for the night, Joseph and Mary looked for Jesus. They couldn't find Him! Joseph and Mary began to worry. They asked everyone, "Where's Jesus?" No one knew where Jesus was. Mary and Joseph hurried back to Jerusalem. They **asked** everyone they saw if they had seen Jesus!





What a crowd at the Temple!

Draw a line from Mary and Joseph to Jesus.



Mary and Joseph loved Jesus and helped Him as He grew. God gives people to love and help us grow, too. The Bible says, "Teach me your way, O Lord." (See Psalm 86:11.)



How many men have striped robes? _____
How many men have something covering their hair? _____