

# Jesus' Family Went to Church

**Bible Phrase:** Let us go to church. *Psalm 132:7*

**Scripture Reference:** *Luke 2:40-52*

**Bible Story:** The Bible tells us that Jesus grew and became strong. As He grew, He learned about God. When Jesus was 12 years old, He went to the temple (church) in Jerusalem with His parents, Mary and Joseph. They traveled with their friends and family.

When it was time to leave, everyone started home together. After they had traveled for a while, Mary and Joseph began to look for Jesus. They could not find Him. No one knew where Jesus was.

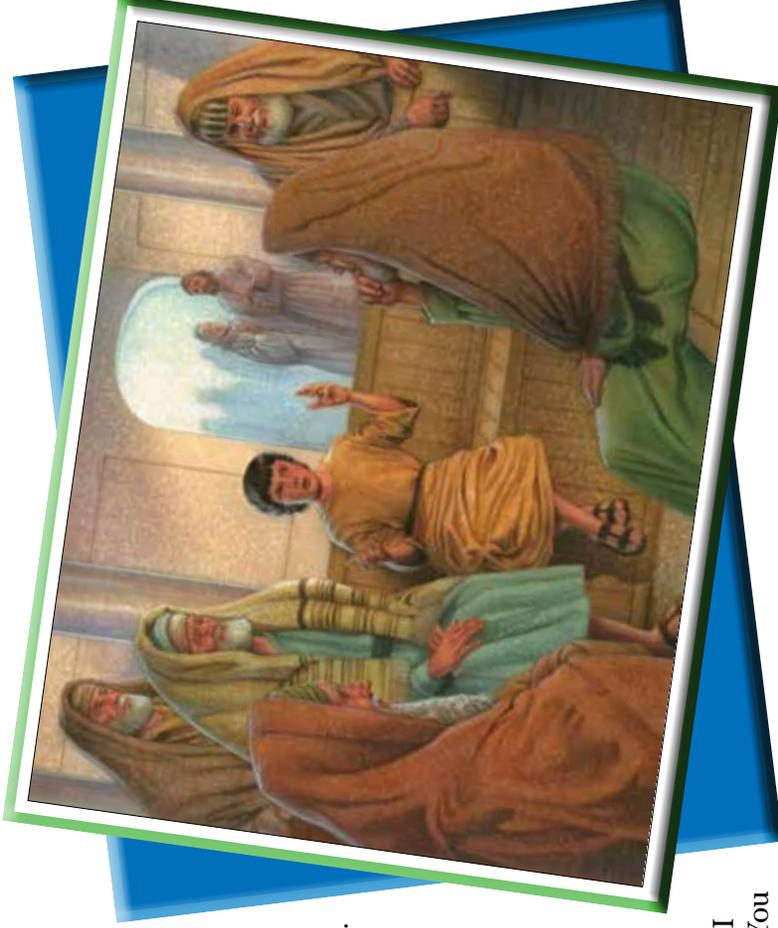
Mary and Joseph hurried back to look for Jesus. After three days, they found Jesus at the temple (church). He was listening to the teachers and asking them questions. The teachers were surprised by how much Jesus knew about God.

Mary asked Jesus, "Why are You here? Your father and I have been worried about You. We have been looking for You everywhere."

Jesus answered, "Why were you looking for Me? Didn't you know I would be at the temple talking about God?" Jesus went home with His parents and did what they told Him to do. Jesus grew older and stronger.

## Parents:

- Tell your preschooler he can be like Jesus. Say: "We can go to church, just as Jesus did."
- Pray with your preschooler; thank God for Jesus; ask God to help us be more like Jesus.



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**Spring Unit 1 Bible Verse:** "What is impossible with man is possible with God." *Luke 18:27*

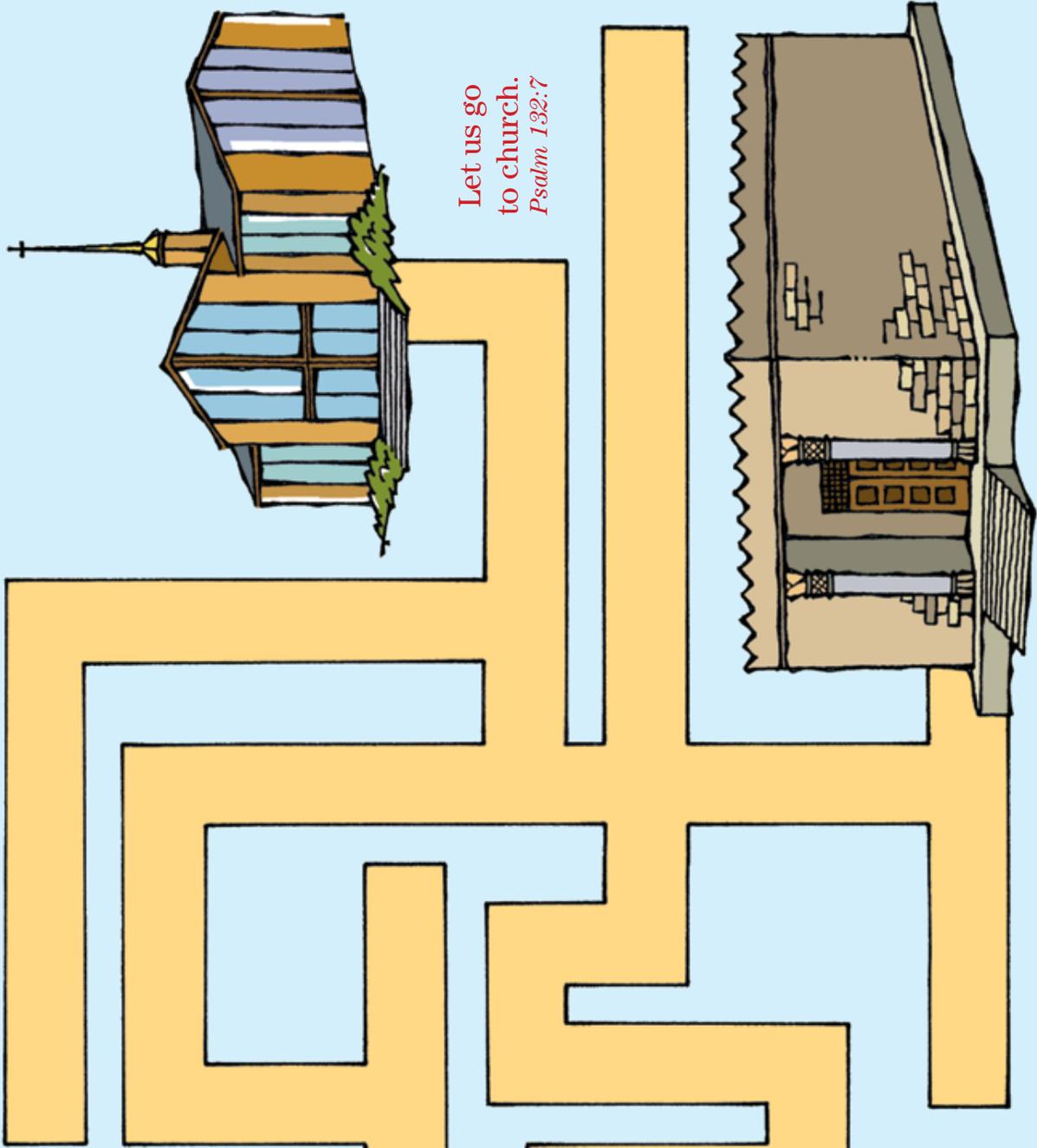
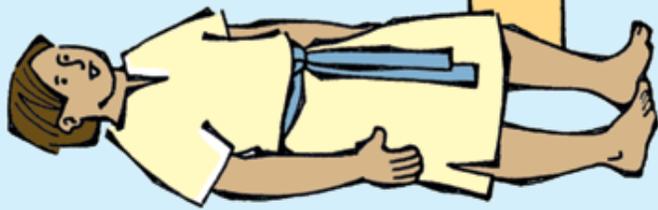
**Bottom Line:** I will follow Jesus' example of how to live and love.

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# Follow the Mazes

Trace the path from Jesus to the temple (church). Trace the path from the present-day child to his church. Jesus went to church, and we can, too.



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to church.  
*Psalms 132:7*