

IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MAN

Luke 2:41-52

Key Verse: 2:52

1. What custom did Jesus' parents practice (41-42; Dt 16:16)? What does this show about them? What was significant about Jesus being a twelve-year old Jewish boy?
2. When and how did Jesus' parents notice that he was missing and what did they do (43-45)? Where did they find him and what had he been doing (46-47)? What does this show about Jesus? What can we learn about the importance of the interaction between the older and younger generation?
3. When they saw him, how did his parents respond (48)? What did Jesus say (49)? What do the words "had to be in my Father's house" show about Jesus' identity and desire (also see footnote [1])? Did his parents understand him (50)?
4. How was Jesus' relationship with his parents described, and why (51)? In what ways did Jesus grow and what does it show about him (40,52)?
5. Why was it important for Jesus to grow "in favor with God and man"? In what ways should we grow, and how can we? How should we help others to grow?

[1] The King James Version reads, "...about my Father's business...." The Greek words literally mean, "...about my Father's things...."