

Sola Publishing Children's Message Christmas 2 – Year C		SOLA
Boy Jesus in the Temple		
Readings	1) 1 Kings 3:4-15 2) Ephesians 1:3-14 3) Luke 2:40-52	
Scripture Focus	Luke 2:40-52	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Story illustrations from Free Bible Images https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/jesus-twelve/	
Message We know Jesus was born because we just celebrated his birthday a few days ago, but what do you think Jesus was like when he was a boy growing up? The Bible doesn't tell us much about Jesus as a young boy, but there is one story... One spring day, when Jesus was 12, his parents went to the city of Jerusalem for the Passover festival. It's something they did every year. There was a celebration and a special dinner with many other Jews. After the celebration was over, Jesus' parents started on the trip home to Nazareth. They didn't know it, but Jesus decided to stay behind and spend some time in the Temple (church) listening to what the men were talking about. Mary and Joseph walked and walked and didn't miss him at first. They thought he was walking with family, friends or neighbors from Nazareth. That night, when everybody was setting up their tents, Mary and Joseph realized that Jesus was not traveling with the others. They looked and asked questions, but he was not there! Nobody had seen him! Jesus was not there! Mary and Joseph were scared. Where could he be? The only thing they could do is to walk back to the city and try to find him on the way, praying that God would protect him. They searched and searched for three days and finally found him in the Temple (church). He was sitting there calmly listening to the teachers and asking questions. All the men were amazed at what he knew about the Bible and how well he understood hard things about God. His parents were so relieved to see him. On the way back home, they asked him, "Jesus, why did you do this to us? We've been worried and scared and looking for you everywhere." What do you think Jesus said? He asked them a question. "Why did you need to search? Didn't you know that I would be in my Father's house?" Who is Jesus' Father? Why do you think Jesus was in the church? Let's pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, Please help us all / to be like you / and want to learn / more about God / and the Bible. Your word / is a great gift. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	





