

# JESUS TALKED WITH THE TEACHERS



## TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

### SNACK

Include the kids in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the boys and girls to clean up after the snack. Thank them for their help.

### MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Clap a simple rhythm. Guide the preschoolers to clap it back. Continue clapping rhythms until everyone is in the group-time area.

### INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

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- Ask the children to name different things they do at church. Open a Bible to Luke 2. Encourage the kids to listen to the Bible story to hear what Jesus was doing when He was at the temple (church). Tell the Bible story.

### SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

- When Jesus was 12 years old, He went to the temple in Jerusalem with His parents, Mary and Joseph, to celebrate a festival.
- When it was time to go home, after they had traveled a day, Mary and Joseph looked for Jesus, but they could not find Him.
- Mary and Joseph hurried back to Jerusalem. After three days, they found Jesus in the temple, listening to the teachers and asking questions.
- Mary told Jesus they had looked everywhere for Him.
- Jesus asked, “Didn’t you know I would be at the temple?”
- Jesus went home and did what his parents told him to do. Jesus continued to grow and learn.

### REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- Where did Jesus go with Mary and Joseph?
- Why did Mary and Joseph hurry back to Jerusalem?
- Where did Mary and Joseph find Jesus?
- What was Jesus doing in the temple?

### EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

- Say that Jesus grew and learned about God.

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| ROOM                   |
| YOUR TEACHING PARTNERS |
| DATE OF USE            |

### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus learned about God by reading the Scriptures.

### LIFE POINT

Jesus grew and learned about God.

### UNIT VERSE

God sent Jesus to teach the good news. Luke 4:18

### WEEKLY VERSE

Jesus listened to the teachers and asked questions. Luke 2:46

**BONUS TEACHING HOUR**

## SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of “London Bridge”:

*Jesus listened to the teachers,  
To the teachers, to the teachers.  
Jesus listened to the teachers  
And asked questions.*

## SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Open a Bible to Luke 2:46. Read the verse. Mention that the song the kids just sang includes the words in this Bible verse. Invite them to repeat the verse several times, cupping their hands around their ears when they refer to listening and tapping their fingers on their heads when they mention asking questions.

## PRAY

Invite the preschoolers to share any prayer requests they have. Pray for these. Encourage several kids to pray if they would like. Close the prayer, thanking God that we can learn about Jesus in the Bible.

## BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

**Emphasize: Jesus grew and learned about God.**

- 1. Draw a picture.** Fold sheets of paper into fourths, one per child. Give each child a folded sheet of paper. Invite the children to draw a picture of themselves as a baby in the first section, a picture of themselves now in the second section, a picture of themselves when they are an older kid in the third section, and a picture of themselves as a grown-up in the final section. Mention that just like Jesus grew and learned about God, they will grow and learn about God, too.
- 2. Search for a hidden word.** Write the name *Jesus* on several index cards. Hide them in a designated area of the room. Mention that in today’s Bible story, Mary and Joseph could not find Jesus. Remind the kids that they found Jesus in the temple. Challenge the preschoolers to look for the *Jesus* word cards in the room. When a child finds a card, instruct her to bring it to you. Say and repeat the Life Point together with the child. Continue until all cards are found, then play again.

**3. Play a question game.** Comment that when Mary and Joseph found Jesus, He was listening to the teachers in the temple and asking questions. Ask a “would you rather” question to the boys and girls, then invite them to move to one side of the room if they prefer the first answer and the other side if they prefer the second answer. Use simple questions such as, “Would you rather eat pizza or broccoli? Would you rather play inside or outside? Would you rather have a pet dog or a pet snake?”

**4. Find a friend.** Invite the children to sit in a circle with their eyes closed. Gently tap one child to leave the circle and stand with a leader where he cannot be seen. Lead the kids to open their eyes and guess which friend is missing. Continue playing until each child has a turn. Remark that when Mary and Joseph looked for Jesus, they saw He was missing from their group. Three days later, Mary and Joseph found Jesus at the temple.

## CLEAN UP

Invite the preschoolers to clean up their activities. Give each child a specific task to do. Thank them for their work.

## PLAY A GAME

Say that as Jesus grew, He obeyed God, and He also obeyed His parents. Make a starting line on the floor using painter’s tape. Instruct the boys and girls to line up shoulder to shoulder behind the taped line while you stand on the opposite side of the room. Call out an action such as, “Take two tiny steps forward. Take one giant step forward. Hop three steps forward.” Lead the children to do the action. Remind them to listen and follow the directions. Once all the kids make it across the room, say the Life Point together. Repeat activity as time allows.

## DISMISS

Help the kids gather their papers and belongings. Thank them for coming. Remind the parents to review the Bible story on the Kids Activity Page.