

THIS IS JESUS

UNIT ONE: THE MESSIAH NAMED JESUS PART 1: JESUS THE MESSIAH

Lesson 4: The Pre-Teen Messiah

Dear Parents,

Hello! This week, we continue our Bible study called *This is Jesus*. Students should leave this lesson with the understanding that Jesus modeled a perfect way to live out our faith while still honoring those who love us most (such as a parent). Despite their young age, they are also encouraged to point others to God and to seek out the same wisdom that Jesus brought to the Temple during that Passover so long ago.

LESSON OVERVIEW: Most of the passages we read about Jesus display Him as an adult or as an infant. We rarely take the time to point out that there were many years in between when Jesus was just like our students! In a very typical childhood moment (a child is separated from their parent), we see Jesus respond with wisdom and faith. This lesson encourages students to consider how they, too, can honor their relationships and point others to God in their daily lives.

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO LEARN: That Jesus was once a young person, just like them. However, He still used many opportunities to point others to God.

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED: To live out the model that Jesus gives us in this passage.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES WE STUDIED: Luke 2:41-52

Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

Next Steps...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your student, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- It can be fun to think about what Jesus was like when He was 12 years old. If He were that age right now, what kinds of things do you think He would enjoy doing with His friends?
- Why was it important for Jesus to remind His parents about who He is when they found Him in the Temple?
- What did you learn about living like Jesus from this passage?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your student, and they desperately need you. I'm praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know.