# F MILY GUIDE





## Here's what we talked about today.

When Jesus was 12 years old, he traveled with His parents to Jerusalem for a celebration. When Mary & Joseph headed home, they assumed He was among their traveling companions, but He wasn't. His parents finally found Jesus at the temple conversing with the teachers. "Why were you looking for me?" Jesus asked. "Didn't you know that I had to be in My Father's house?"

Even as a boy, Jesus knew who He was: He was God's Son. Through faith in Jesus, we, too, can be God's sons and daughters! (John 1:12; Galatians 3:26) So we may also say, "God is my Father."

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#### Get your kids talking!

Where did Joseph and Mary find Jesus? How old was Jesus when this happened?

#### Take it deeper

Do you ever think about how Jesus was a kid like you? What kinds of things do you think he did that you do today?

Jesus knew He was God's Son. How do we become God's sons or daughters?

## Have some family fun this week!

- Play "Where is it?" Choose an item in the room and describe it. If anyone knows where the item is, instruct him to walk over and point to it. Allow family members to take turns describing items and guessing where each item is. Say: Mary & Joseph didn't know where Jesus was and went looking for Him! Why was He in the temple?
- Invite family members to stand tall, one at a time, with their backs against a wall. Place a ruler or something flat horizontally on top of their heads to determine each one's height and place a sticky note or strip of paper with each name to mark how tall everyone is. Allow kids to stretch a tape measure and read the numbers to see how tall they are. Say: The Bible tells us Jesus got taller, just like you're getting taller! What helps you grow? Jesus also grew in wisdom. What can help you grow in wisdom? God's Word gives us wisdom for everything in our lives.

# JANUARY MEMORY VERSE

LET'S

**TALK** 

FOR

**FUN** 

#### Who has memorized this month's verse?

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God. And that is what we are!" I John 3:1