

THE PRETEEN BOY JESUS

Luke 2:41-52

Key Verse: 2:49 "'Why were you searching for me?' he asked. 'Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?'"

1. How did the Jewish people celebrate the Passover Feast? Why was it important for them to keep the Passover Feast? What was God's purpose for his people after the Exodus? (Ex 19:4-6) When did Jesus' parents take Jesus to the Passover Feast? What do you know about teenagers and preteens? How should we treat them?
2. When did the parents miss him? How did they find him? Where was he and what was he doing? What did the people and his parents think about this? Why? How did his mother rebuke him?
3. How did the boy Jesus respond to his mother? What did he mean by "my Father's house"? (Mt 6:9) Why do we need two fathers?
4. With what kind of attitude did Jesus study the Bible? (46,47; Dt 6:5) Why did the boy Jesus say that he "had to be" in his Father's house? What does this show about his desire to do God's work?
5. Read verses 51-52. How was Jesus different from abnormal teenagers of every generation? Why is it important for young people to learn obedience? What can we learn here about Jesus' boyhood and young manhood in Nazareth? Why is he an exemplary son to his parents?