

Luke 2:41-52 NKJV

Key Scripture

41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. 43 When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; 44 but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. 45 So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. 46 Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. 48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." 49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" 50 But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. 51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but **His mother kept all these things in her heart.** 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

12 Years Go Fast...Don't Lose Focus.

- ✓ **There's more to God than the celebration.**

Luke 2:43 NLT

After the celebration was over,

they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem...

- ✓ **Don't assume to know where your kids are or who they're with.**

Luke 2:43-44 NLT

...His parents didn't miss him at first, 44 **because they assumed** he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends.

- ✓ **Answer the "why's" your children have about God.**

Luke 2:46 Message

The next day they found him in the Temple seated **among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions.**

- ✓ **Don't let your hurts hinder your children.**

Luke 2:48 Message

But his parents were not impressed; **they were upset and hurt.**

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Raising Sons and Daughters

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1. **Wisdom: Teach your children the wisdom of knowing God.**

Psalm 111:10 CEV

Respect and obey the Lord!

This is the first step to wisdom and good sense. God will always be respected.

2. **Stature: Help your children grow in stature.**

Colossians 1:28 CEV

We announce the message about Christ, and we use all our wisdom to warn and teach everyone, so that **all of Christ's followers will grow and become mature.**

Romans 8:28 NLT

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are **called according to His purpose for them.**

3. **Favor with men: Prepare your children to make a difference.**

1 Corinthians 9:22 TLB

22 When I am with those whose consciences bother them easily, I don't act as though I know it all and don't say they are foolish; the result is that they are willing to let me help them. Yes, whatever a person is like, **I try to find common ground** with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.

4. **Favor with God: Live as an example for them.**

1 Corinthians 11:1 CEV

You must **follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.**

2 Chronicles 16:9 NIV

The Lord looks out over the whole earth.

He gives strength to those who commit their lives completely to Him.

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