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Jesus was a Kid, Like You!

The Bible tells us about the time Jesus was 12 years old and took a trip with his family to celebrate a special holiday called Passover.

Watch: [Jesus in the Temple](#) (Find the Bible story in Luke 2:41-52)

On the way back from their trip, Jesus was missing! Mary and Joseph looked for him for three days, and FINALLY found him in the temple, which is like a church. He was spending time asking the teachers questions—and everybody was amazed at how much he understood about God, even though he was just a kid! Having a God who knows how hard it is to be us is a pretty amazing thing. Imagine if Jesus didn't know what it was like to go through all the sadness and hard things that we go through. It makes us feel so much better to know that we are never alone in our feelings. You have a Loving Rescuer who knows exactly how you feel.

Watch: [Jesus Gets Lost](#)

Discuss: ● Do you ever think about Jesus being a kid like you? ● What kinds of things do you think Jesus experienced when he was a kid? ● Do you think Jesus felt sad when he was your age? What makes you feel sad? What other emotions do you experience that Jesus did too? ● What's the one MAIN difference between us as kids and Jesus as a kid? (Hint: Jesus never made wrong choices; he was perfect.) ● How can you be just like Jesus was as a kid? (Hint: obey your parents, learn about God, show love to others) ● What's one way you can obey your parents this week?

Do: Make a comic strip telling this story. Here are some ideas for each picture: 1) Jesus traveled with his family to celebrate the Feast of the Passover. 2) When Mary and Joseph were on their way back home, they realized Jesus was missing. 3) Joseph and Mary couldn't find Jesus for three days! 4) They found Jesus in the temple. He wasn't even scared: he was happy because he was busy spending time with God! 5) Even though Jesus wanted to keep spending time with God at the temple, he obeyed his parents and went home.

Pray: Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be our rescuer. We're so glad that we can be like him, and spend time with you. We love you, amen!