

JESUS gets lost

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When Jesus was a boy, he loved to go with the family to the temple at Jerusalem. But, one day his parents thought he was lost.



When Jesus was twelve years old he went with his neighbours and parents, Joseph and Mary, to the Temple (church) at Jerusalem, just as they did every year.



When he got to the Jerusalem Jesus went to the Temple. He started asking questions and talking about God with the wise old teachers.



Jesus listened to them teaching and asked them questions too. They were amazed at how much this boy knew. He understood everything in the Bible!



When it was time to go home all the families went together. Joseph and Mary thought Jesus was walking with some of his friends.



After a while they went to find Jesus, but no-one had seen him all day. "He must have been left behind," said Joseph and they hurried back to look for him.



At last they found him in the Temple with the teachers! Joseph and Mary told Jesus how worried they had been when they couldn't find him. "Didn't you know I was in my Father's house?" he said.



Jesus went straight home with them. He always listened to his parents and obeyed them. And Mary never forgot how much Jesus loved God's word, even when he was a little boy.