

SEARCHING FOR THE SEEKER

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LUKE 2:40-52

DECEMBER 28TH

FAMILY CONVERSATION

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FAMILY TRIP
YOU HAVE EVER BEEN ON?**

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY ON
A TRIP WITH YOUR FAMILY?**

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN LOST BEFORE?

**WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR PARENTS
WOULD DO TO FIND YOU IF YOU WERE
LOST?**

QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS

**HAVE YOU LOST ONE OF YOUR
CHILDREN BEFORE?**

**HOW DID YOU/WOULD YOU FEEL IF
YOU LOST THEM?**

LUKE 2:40-52

**(40) AND THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME
STRONG, FILLED WITH WISDOM. AND THE
FAVOR OF GOD WAS UPON HIM. (41) NOW HIS
PARENTS WENT TO JERUSALEM EVERY YEAR
AT THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER. (42) AND
WHEN HE WAS TWELVE YEARS OLD, THEY
WENT UP ACCORDING TO CUSTOM.**

**(43) AND WHEN THE FEAST WAS ENDED, AS
THEY WERE RETURNING, THE BOY JESUS
STAYED BEHIND IN JERUSALEM. HIS PARENTS
DID NOT KNOW IT, (44) BUT SUPPOSING HIM TO
BE IN THE GROUP THEY WENT A DAY'S JOURNEY,
BUT THEN THEY BEGAN TO SEARCH FOR HIM
AMONG THEIR RELATIVES AND
ACQUAINTANCES**

**(45) AND WHEN THEY DID NOT FIND HIM, THEY
RETURNED TO JERUSALEM, SEARCHING FOR HIM.**

**(46) AFTER THREE DAYS THEY FOUND HIM IN THE
TEMPLE, SITTING AMONG THE TEACHERS,
LISTENING TO THEM AND ASKING THEM QUESTIONS.**

**(47) AND ALL WHO HEARD HIM WERE AMAZED AT
HIS UNDERSTANDING AND HIS ANSWERS.**

**(48) AND WHEN HIS PARENTS SAW HIM, THEY
WERE ASTONISHED. AND HIS MOTHER SAID TO
HIM, SON, WHY HAVE YOU TREATED US SO?
BEHOLD, YOUR FATHER AND I HAVE BEEN
SEARCHING FOR YOU IN GREAT DISTRESS. (49)
AND HE SAID TO THEM, WHY WERE YOU
LOOKING FOR ME?**

(49) . . . DID YOU NOT KNOW THAT I MUST BE IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE? (50) AND THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE SAYING THAT HE SPOKE TO THEM. (51) AND HE WENT DOWN WITH THEM AND CAME TO NAZARETH AND WAS SUBMISSIVE TO THEM. AND HIS MOTHER TREASURED UP ALL THESE THINGS IN HER HEART.

**(52) AND JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM AND IN
STATURE AND IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MAN.**

WHAT WE WILL SEE

**THE HOLINESS OF CHRIST DEMANDS
OUR SURRENDER TO HIS DIVINE
PURPOSE.**

THE BOOK OF LUKE

- **AN ORDERLY ACCOUNT OF CHRIST'S MINISTRY**
- **FOCUSES ON CHRIST'S FULFILLMENT OF O.T. PROPHECY**
- **SHOWS CHRIST AS SAVIOR FOR ALL**

JEWISH TRADITION

- **PASSOVER**
 - **GOD PASSING OVER DOORS WITH BLOOD OF THE LAMB**
- **FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD**
 - **REMEMBERING EXODUS AND LIVING SET APART**

THE COMMITMENT

- **APPROXIMATELY**
 - **70 MILES ON FOOT**
 - **6 DAYS OF TRAVEL**
 - **6-7 DAYS OF CELEBRATION**
 - **MEALS & LODGING**

BEGINNING AND END

**(40) AND THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG,
FILLED WITH WISDOM. AND THE FAVOR OF GOD
WAS UPON HIM.... (52) AND JESUS INCREASED IN
WISDOM AND IN STATURE AND IN FAVOR WITH
GOD AND MAN.**

**JESUS IS SET APART IN WISDOM,
FAVOR, AND PURPOSE.**

LUKE 2:41-42

**(41) NOW HIS PARENTS WENT TO JERUSALEM
EVERY YEAR AT THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER.**

**(42) AND WHEN HE WAS TWELVE YEARS OLD,
THEY WENT UP ACCORDING TO CUSTOM.**

LUKE 2:43-44

(43) AND WHEN THE FEAST WAS ENDED, AS THEY WERE RETURNING, THE BOY JESUS STAYED BEHIND IN JERUSALEM. HIS PARENTS DID NOT KNOW IT, (44) BUT SUPPOSING HIM TO BE IN THE GROUP THEY WENT A DAY'S JOURNEY, BUT THEN THEY BEGAN TO SEARCH FOR HIM AMONG THEIR RELATIVES AND ACQUAINTANCES,

LUKE 2:45-46A

**(45) AND WHEN THEY DID NOT FIND HIM, THEY
RETURNED TO JERUSALEM, SEARCHING FOR HIM.**

(46) AFTER THREE DAYS THEY FOUND HIM...

LUKE 2:46B-48

**(46) ... THEY FOUND HIM IN THE TEMPLE, SITTING
AMONG THE TEACHERS, LISTENING TO THEM AND
ASKING THEM QUESTIONS. (47) AND ALL WHO HEARD
HIM WERE AMAZED AT HIS UNDERSTANDING AND HIS
ANSWERS. (48) AND WHEN HIS PARENTS SAW HIM,
THEY WERE ASTONISHED.**

HEARERS VS PARENTS

- ALL WHO HEARD = AMAZED → AWE
- PARENTS = ASTONISHED → STUNNED

LUKE 2:48B-50

(48) ... AND HIS MOTHER SAID TO HIM, SON, WHY HAVE YOU
TREATED US SO? BEHOLD, YOUR FATHER AND I HAVE BEEN
SEARCHING FOR YOU IN GREAT DISTRESS. (49) AND HE SAID TO
THEM, WHY WERE YOU LOOKING FOR ME? DID YOU NOT KNOW
THAT I MUST BE IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE? (50) AND THEY DID NOT
UNDERSTAND THE SAYING THAT HE SPOKE TO THEM.

LUKE 2:51

**(51) AND HE WENT DOWN WITH THEM AND CAME
TO NAZARETH AND WAS SUBMISSIVE TO THEM.
AND HIS MOTHER TREASURED UP ALL THESE
THINGS IN HER HEART.**

**WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING
FROM JESUS?**

LUKE 19:10

**“FOR THE SON OF MAN CAME TO
SEEK AND TO SAVE THE LOST.”**

APPLICATION

- **PLACE YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST**
- **CHECK YOUR HEART. WHY ARE YOU SEEKING HIM?**
- **ARE YOU GROWING IN YOUR WALK WITH JESUS?**

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