

Adventures with GOD!

JESUS IN THE TEMPLE (A.1.WINTER.13)

Biblical Reference	Luke 2:41-52
Key Verse	Luke 2:52
Key Concept	As Jesus followed God's will, I can also follow God's will.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: 1. Express what Jesus' parents felt when they didn't find him on the road back to Nazareth 2. Tell what Jesus was doing in the temple 3. Say the Bible verse

Life Application

Jesus told his parents that he had to do the will of God. That's why they found him talking with the priests in the Temple in Jerusalem. The children can also learn to follow God's will. Jesus didn't want to make his parents suffer. The Bible tells us that he went back to Nazareth with them and he obeyed them. So Jesus grew in wisdom, in stature and grace. Our children can imitate Jesus in his love for God and his parents.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Activity	2 tables, brown paper, stones, fabric, box, toilet paper rolls	20 minutes
Bible Story	Illustrations, Bible	10 minutes
Craft	Paper, crayons, pencils	10 minutes
Activity	Paper, pencils	5 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle

Prayer: God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

Activity: When the kids arrive in the classroom, they can make a model of a road between Nazareth and Jerusalem. Use two tables covered with brown colored paper (or a brown piece of fabric). Let the children make the road from the corner of one of the tables to the corner of the other table. Make a curvy road using stones. At the end the road, find a box or lampshades that can be used, and covered in green fabric or felt to make it look like the hills of Jerusalem. Put a small box on top of the "hill" to represent the temple. You can use a small box with 2 toilet paper rolls for the columns. Have the kids decorate it. At the other extreme, have the children put a sign that says Nazareth, and make houses out of play doh or modeling clay.

Bible Story: (Luke 2:41-52) Using what the children have made, help them to remember the story they studied last week about Jesus' trip to Jerusalem with his parents. Now they will find out what happened when Jesus was in Jerusalem. Jesus, with his parents, went to the temple to offer sacrifices to God. They celebrated all of the traditional Passover activities (If you want it would be great to investigate more about how the Jews in Jesus' day celebrated the Passover and share this with the children). After they went to the temple and did what they needed to do, the people got ready to go back to Nazareth. They traveled in a big group because they went with their extended family and friends. After a few days, Mary and Joseph began to worry because they hadn't seen Jesus with the group of people they were traveling with. They searched for him, but he wasn't there. So, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After a while they found him in the temple talking with the priests. The priests were fascinated with the child because he was so young, but so wise and so knowledgeable in spiritual things. Jesus' parents were so worried and they asked him why he had done this. Jesus was sad when he saw they were worried, but at the same time he knew that he was doing what God had wanted him to do. He told his parents that he was simply following God's will, which was the most important thing in his life. Then he went home with Mary and Joseph and he obeyed them in everything.

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Craft: In the following pages you will find craft options.

Activity: Today you can make another type of scroll with the Bible verse on it. Use white paper and glue two popsicle sticks or craft sticks to the ends. If you already used this idea last week, think of another creative way to review the verse with them. End the trimester with a time of prayer and songs, where the children can express their thanks to God for Jesus' life and all they learned during the trimester.

Closing Prayer

Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle

Prayer: Thank you God for loving us, Thank you God for sending your son Jesus into the world.

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ILLUSTRATION



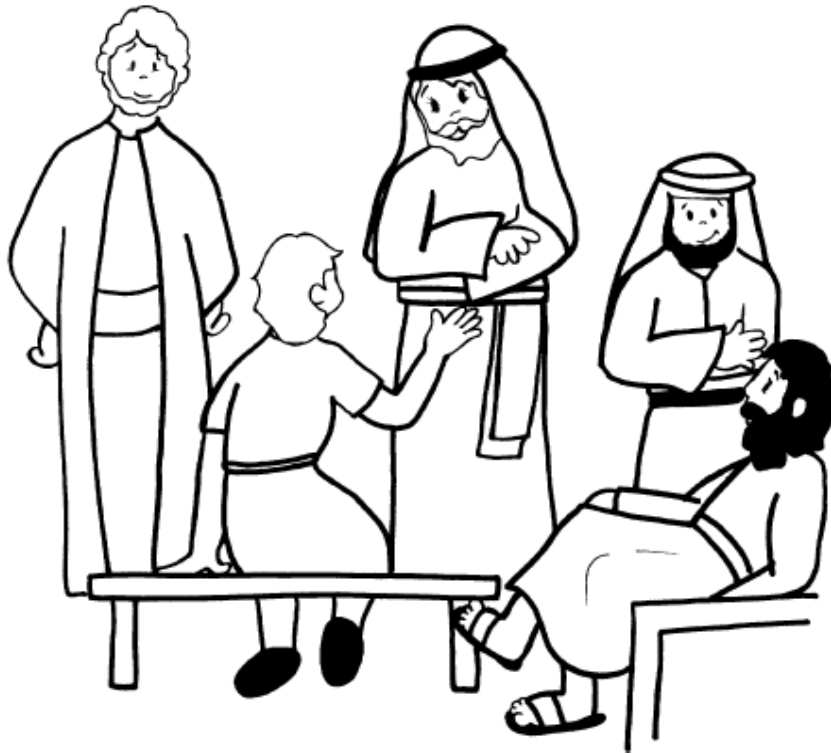
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ILLUSTRATION

When Jesus was 12 years old

When Jesus was 12 years old, all of the family went to Jerusalem as was the custom. When the Passover was over, Joseph and Mary began their journey back to Nazareth. But, Jesus stayed in Jerusalem without them realizing it. They thought that Jesus was with the other people in their group that were returning from the celebration. So, they traveled more than a day, and then they began to look for Jesus, but they didn't find him. So, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him there.

They searched for three days, until finally they found him. He was in the temple, sitting with the teacher of the Law of Moses. He listened to them and asked them questions. Everyone who heard Jesus admired his intelligence. They were surprised because he was able to answer the teachers when they asked him questions.



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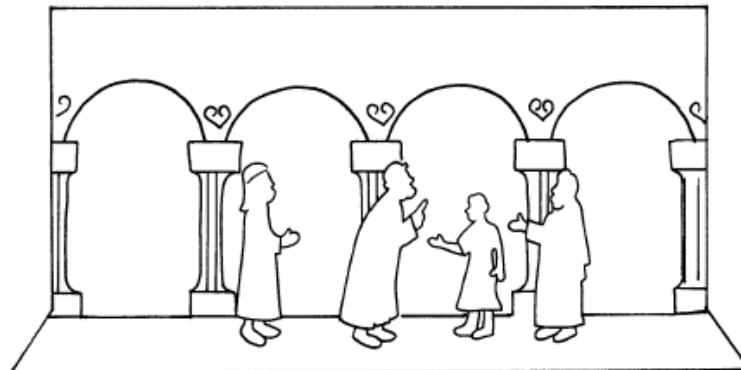
MODEL

Jesus in the temple

Materials – light blue paper, crayons, aluminum foil, markers, glue, grey paper, straws, patterns, thread and needle, fabric (optional)

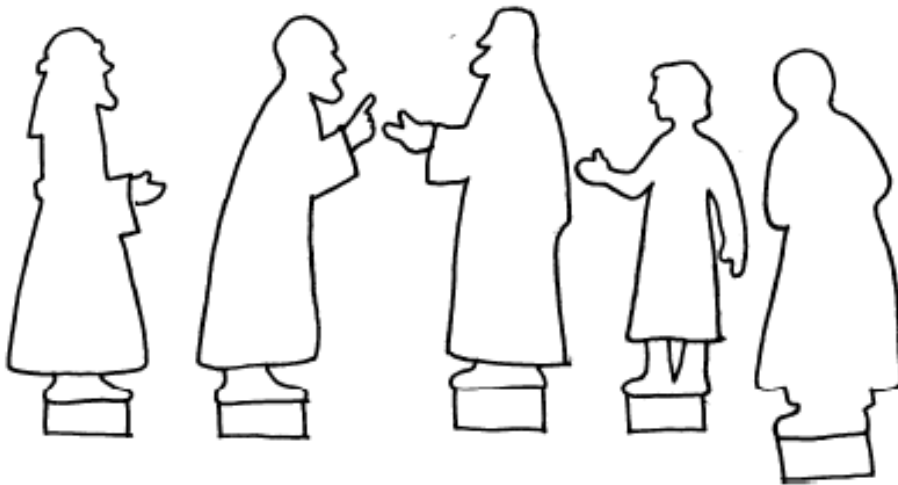
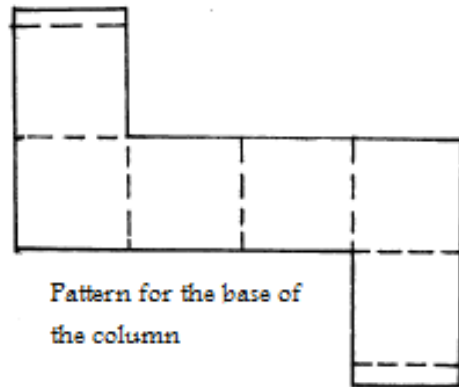
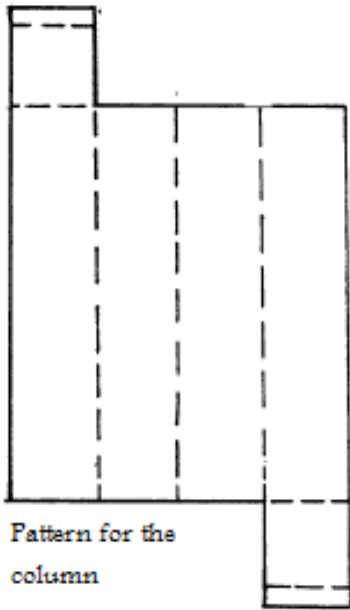
Instructions –

1. Make a copy of the patterns for each model that you will make.
2. Using the light blue paper, fold one of the sides length wise 6cm. Put the smallest side on the table.
3. Cut the roof out of grey colored paper (see the pattern included in the lesson).
4. Make pillars out of straws, two for each of the center pillars and one for each of the pillars on the side. You can color the pillars with markers if you choose.
5. If you have aluminum foil, use the pattern to make the base and the top of the pillars. If you don't have it, you can make the pillars longer and glue the pillars to the sides and the floor and roof.
6. You can color a design on the floor.
7. Color the people figures.
8. Use the figures in the temple to retell the story.



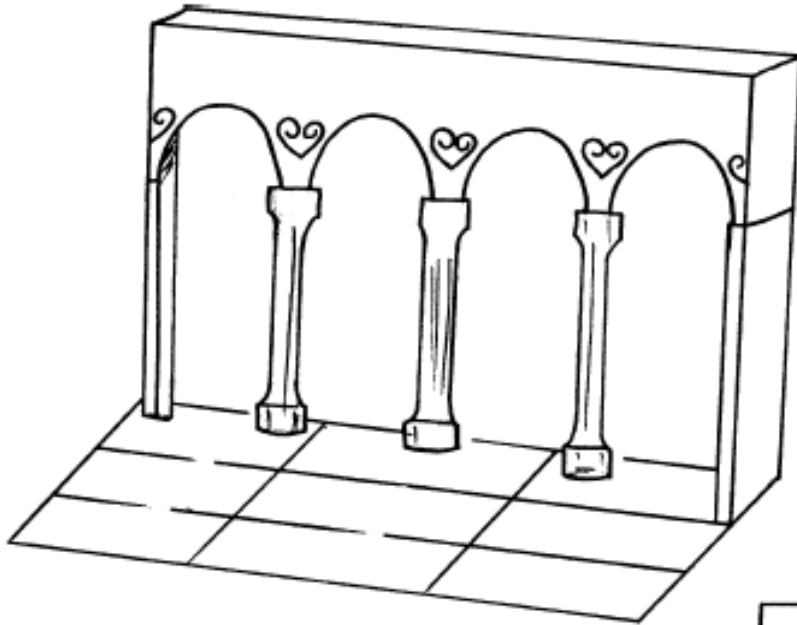
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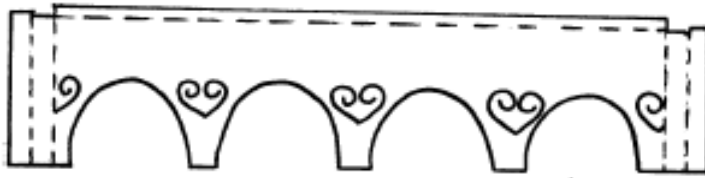


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Pattern for the arch



Glue here

