

## January 2026 Lessons

**Notes:** Another year! January through May will be a quick journey through the New Testament!

Rainbow Routine	Fireweed Routine	Trees & Mountains Routine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Music time</li> <li>● Circle Time: Discuss the verse and basics of the Bible (God wrote this, parts of the Bible, how to treat it) &amp; Lesson on the story - if kids will sit long enough</li> <li>● Play time</li> <li>● Table time - lesson on the story (if not done earlier or repeat it again)</li> <li>● Snack Time</li> <li>● Coloring page/activity/play time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Greet the kids</li> <li>● Ask if they memorized the verse from last week, work on verse with kids who are interested</li> <li>● Music time</li> <li>● Bathroom</li> <li>● Snack</li> <li>● Movement game</li> <li>● Lesson time at rug (story &amp; memory verse)</li> <li>● Craft/coloring page</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Greet kids / arrival activities (verse work, clipboards, free drawing)</li> <li>● Music time</li> <li>● Lesson on the story</li> <li>● Split into groups / rotate               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prayer</li> <li>○ Activities/crafts</li> <li>○ Lesson recap</li> <li>○ Memory verse</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>*If there are not enough helpers, sometimes it is easier to do it altogether instead of splitting and rotating kids.</p>

**Jan 11, 2026 - The Boy Jesus**

**Jan 18, 2026 - Jesus Calls the Disciples**

**Jan 25, 2026 - The Wedding at Cana**



## The Boy Jesus Luke 2: 40-52

### Story:

#### ★ Introduction & Story:

We just finished celebrating Christmas and for believers, this is a time that we celebrate Jesus' birth. We remember how He left Heaven and came to Earth to live as fully man and fully God. But Jesus didn't stay a baby.

Jesus grew up in the town of Nazareth. It was about 70 miles to Jerusalem where the temple was.

70 miles from Wasilla - North is Talkeetna and South is the Wildlife Conservation Center or Girdwood, just about. (3 maps are attached at the end of the lesson)

They didn't go to the temple every week like we go to church every week. They had a synagogue in Nazareth and that is where they would gather together to worship God and hear the readings from the books written by Moses.

The Bible tells us about the event we are going to talk about today when Jesus was twelve years old. We don't know anything else about his childhood. But we can assume that life for him was probably similar to what other Jewish boys experienced. He would have learned carpentry, the trade that his father knew.

When Jesus was old enough to go to school, Mary and Joseph probably sent him to the synagogue to learn to read and write. Like other Jewish boys, Jesus probably learned many parts of scripture by memory. People did not have Bibles then. The writings of Moses and the Psalms were on scrolls in the synagogue.

Every year at Passover (which would have been in the spring) Jesus' parents would walk the 70 miles to Jerusalem with other people from their town.

One year, when Jesus was 12 years old, he went with them.

The family spent several days in Jerusalem. They celebrated the Passover meal which was a feast to remember the time that the Israelites (Jews) were rescued by God and left Egypt where they had been slaves for hundreds of years. There were

other activities and events of celebration, too. They probably also went to the temple to sacrifice an animal. Finally, it was time to go back to Nazareth. The family headed out for home with other people who had also made the trip from Nazareth. They thought that Jesus was in the group of travelers, but he was not. He had stayed behind in Jerusalem. They traveled for a day when they realized that Jesus was nowhere to be found. Mary and Joseph returned to Jerusalem to search for Jesus. After three days, they found Jesus in the temple sitting with the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. All of the teachers were astounded at his understanding.

When his parents saw him, they were astonished. They asked him why he had treated them like this. Mary told him that she and Joseph had been anxiously searching for him. He responded, "Why were you searching for me? Didn't you know that it was necessary for me to be in my Father's house?" They did not really understand what he meant.

They then returned to Nazareth and Jesus was always obedient to his mother and father. And Jesus grew in height and in wisdom. He increased in favor with God and with people.

★ **Connection to God's Overall Story/Plan:** Most of the Old Testament prepares us for Jesus' coming and the need for a Savior. Most of the New Testament tells us about Jesus' adult life/ministry and how to live like Him. This is the only story of Him as a child – and what was He doing? He was in the temple spending time with the Word of God and the leaders. We should do that too – we all should spend time with God and His Word. It's important to remember that Jesus stayed connected to God the Father, even when He was here on Earth.

#### Follow Up:

★ **Retell:** Have kids share what they recall from the story. Fill in any major holes they missed.

★ **Examine:**

○ Comprehension Questions:

- Have you ever been "lost" when you were supposed to be with your family?
- Do you think that you could memorize whole passages of scripture instead of reading from your Bible?

- Do you think most 12 year-olds would be interested in talking to the leaders of the synagogue, listening to them and asking questions?
  - Ask, “What do we learn about God from this story? What does He do?”
    - Jesus spends time with the Father.
    - Jesus grew up as a regular boy - not a prince with lots of privileges.
  - Ask, “What do we learn about humans from this story? What are humans doing?”
    - We should also be spending time with the Father.
    - Humans can walk a long way.
- ★ **Application:** Ask, “What is Jesus asking us to do through this story? Why did God include this in the Bible?”
  - Jesus is reminding us that we all can spend time with the Father.

★ **Prayer**

**Memory Verse Practice:**

- ★ **Verse:** “Only goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live”  
Psalm 23:6

**Sticky Activities:**

- ★ Activity/Coloring Pages
- ★ Crafts: -->>
- ★ Sensory Experiences
  - Play I spy with the kids with things you see in the classroom (to mimicking looking for Jesus as Mary and Joseph did)
  - Play “what’s missing” game. Put a handful of objects on the table and cover with a cloth/towel. Carefully remove one object without kids knowing which one. Then have them look and try to remember what’s missing! Repeat this as many times as you want, pulling different objects.



**“Where Is Jesus?” Search Walk** - Mary and Joseph searched carefully

**How:**

Hide a picture of Jesus around the room.

Kids walk (not run) and look carefully.

When found, everyone gathers and sits quietly.

**Prompt:**

“Mary and Joseph looked carefully. We can look carefully too.”

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 **2. Temple Stations (Movement + Calm)**

**Theme:** Jesus was learning in God’s house

Set up 3–4 simple stations: Kids rotate slowly between stations.

 **Reading Station:** Sit and look at a Bible picture

 **Listening Station:** Practice quiet listening for 10 seconds

 **Talking Station:** Whisper a question to a teacher

 **Sitting Station:** Sit cross-legged like Jesus

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 **3. Journey Path Theme:** Traveling to Jerusalem

**How:**

Tape a path on the floor.

Kids follow it with different movements:

Walk

Tiptoe

Slow steps

End at the “temple” (a mat or taped square).

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 **4. “Look, Listen, Learn” Game**

**How:**

Leader calls out:

“Look!” → hands over eyes

“Listen!” → hands to ears

“Learn!” → hands on head

**Connection:**

Jesus looked, listened, and learned in the temple.

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 **SENSORY ACTIVITIES**

 **5. Sensory Bin: Temple Time**

**Supplies:**

Rice, sand, or beans

Small cups, scoops

Toy people or paper figures

Paper “scrolls”

Kids explore while hearing the story told calmly.

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 **6. Thread the Temple**

**Theme:** Careful searching

**Supplies:**

Cardboard with holes

Yarn or pipe cleaners

Kids thread slowly, building fine-motor focus.

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## 7. Feeling Stones (Grounding)

**Theme:** Sitting calmly to learn

**Supplies:**

Smooth stones or textured objects

Kids hold and describe how it feels while sitting quietly.

**Phrase to repeat:** “Jesus sat and listened.”

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## 8. Scroll Rolling

**Theme:** God’s Word

**How:**

Kids roll paper back and forth between hands.

Practice unrolling slowly and carefully.

Add simple pictures instead of words for young kids.

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## REGULATION + CALM

**How:** Breathe in: “Jesus” Breathe out: “listens” Repeat 3 times.

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## 10. Sit Like Jesus

**How:** Sit cross-legged. Hands in lap. Quiet body for 10–20 seconds.

## Build the Temple Together

Foam blocks or cardboard boxes

Kids work together quietly to build a “temple,” then sit inside it.

**Send Home Page:** See attached

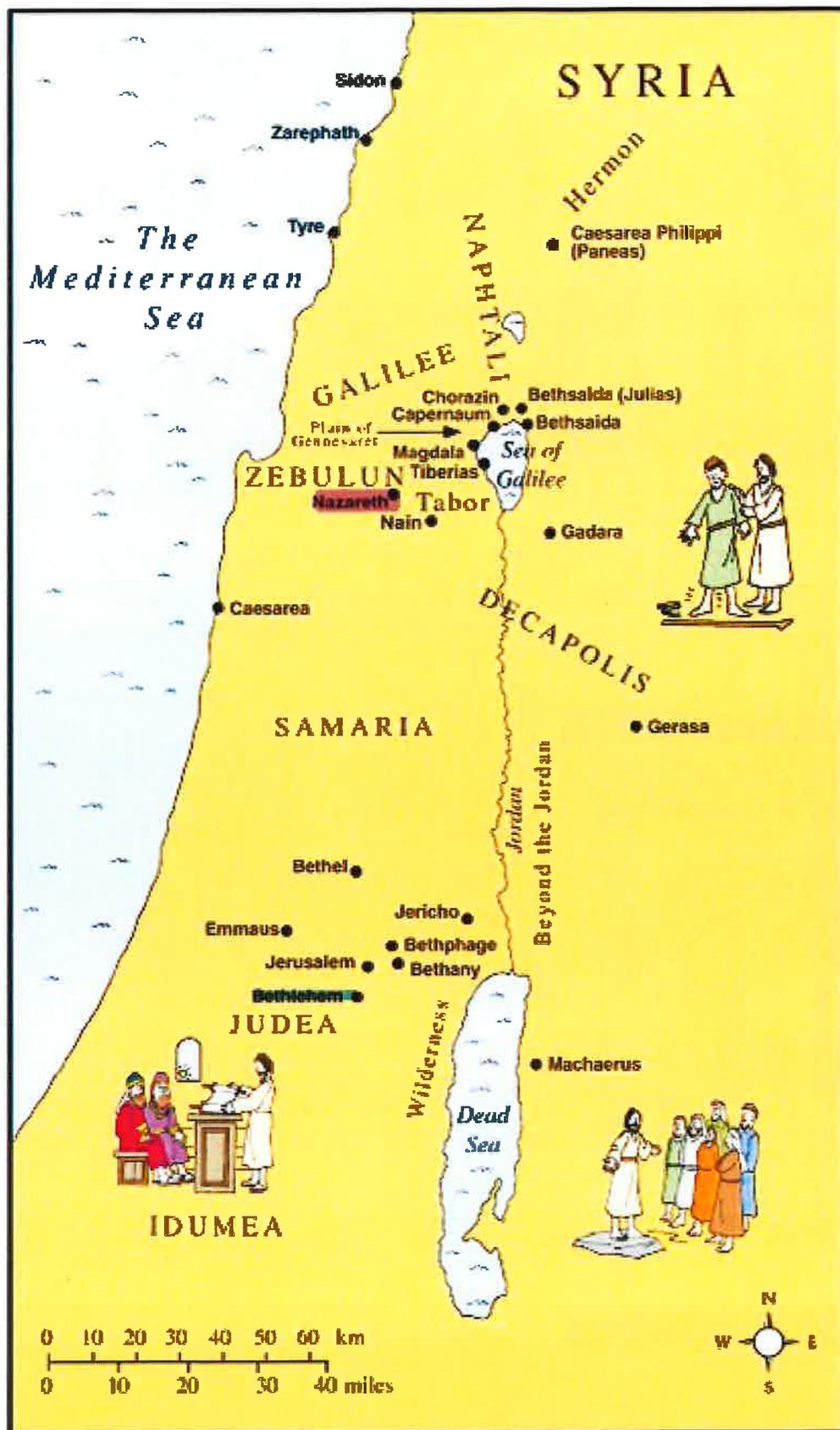
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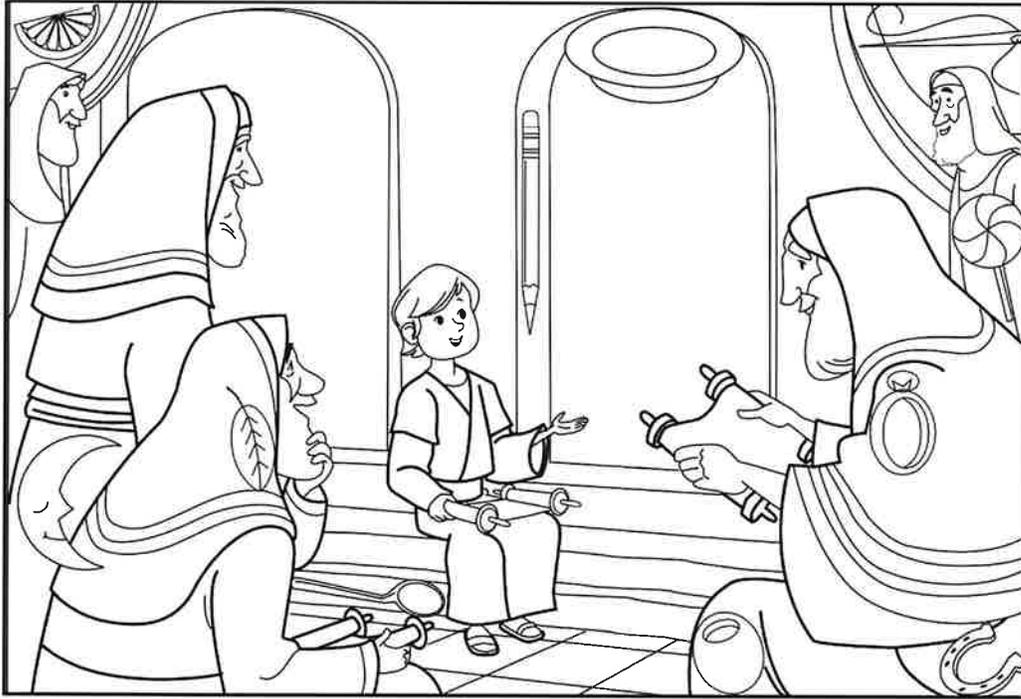


# JESUS' MINISTRY



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Help Mary and Joseph  
find Jesus in the temple





Jesus was a child ... like you!  
What does the Bible say about Him?

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3	and stature and in			1,5
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# Children's Worship Bulletin

Ages 7+ January 11, 2026 • Luke 2:41-52

## Jesus in the Temple

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of ... what?  
In the squares write the name of each picture. The darker squares spell the answer.



Follow the maze from Nazareth to Jerusalem. Write the words you find in order on the banks below.

When Jesus was 12 years old, He went with His parents to Jerusalem, according to the custom.

While His parents were returning home, Jesus stayed behind. They went back to Jerusalem to look for Him.

Use the code to write the words in the numbered blanks. Read the verses to see what happened next.			
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2 listening	8 house	14 why	20 obedient
3 mother	9 he	15 found	21 asking
4 him	10 heard	16 them	22 Father's
5 days	11 Nazareth	17 teachers	23 amazed
6 searching	12 you	18 asked	24 know

After three days they found Him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard Him was amazed. His mother told Him they had been anxiously looking for Him. Why were you searching for Me? He asked. Don't you know I had to be in My Father's house? But they did not understand. Then He went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them.



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Luke 2:40-52

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Every Wednesday morning  
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Fill in the Blanks

Only \_\_\_\_\_ness and \_\_\_\_\_ful  
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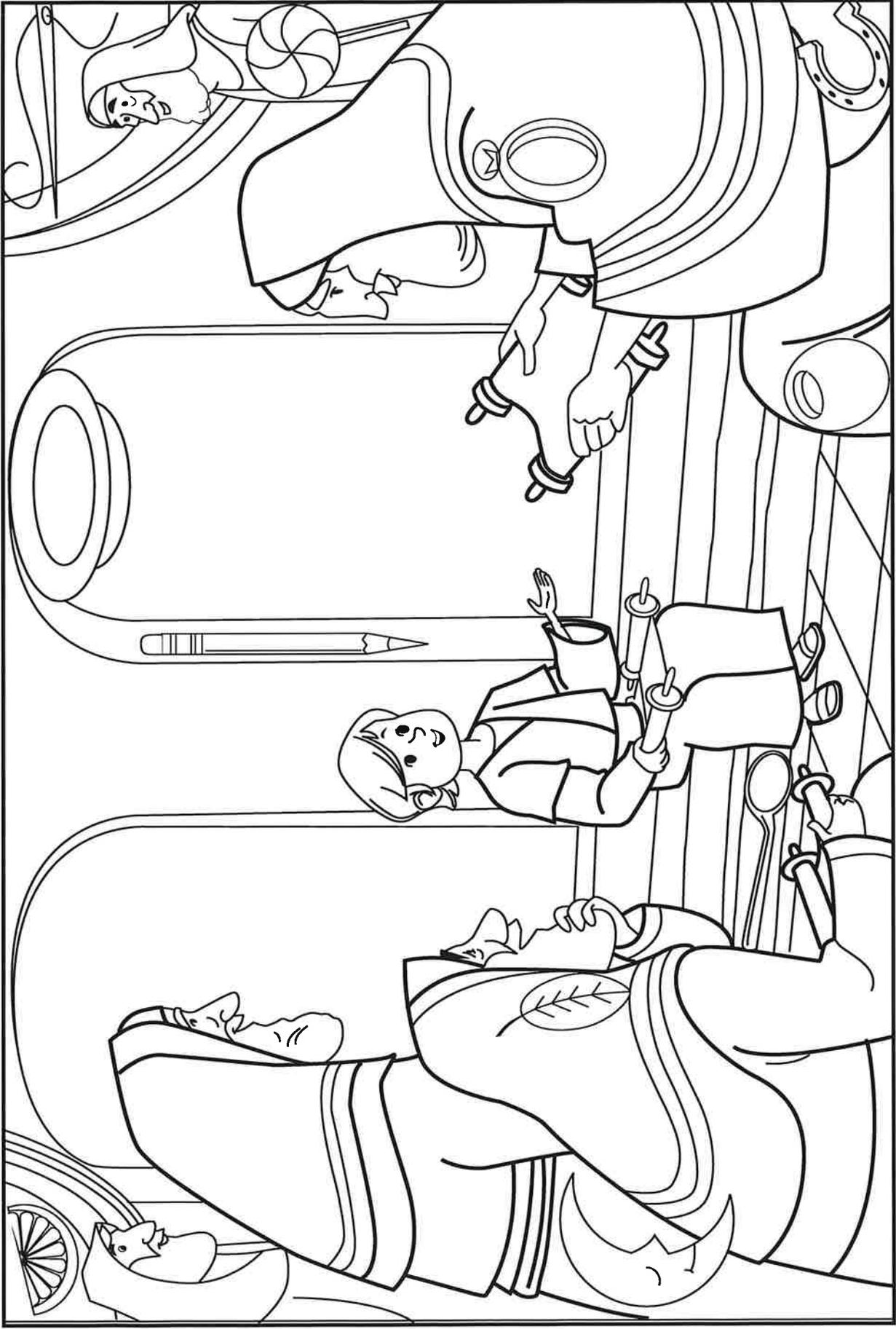
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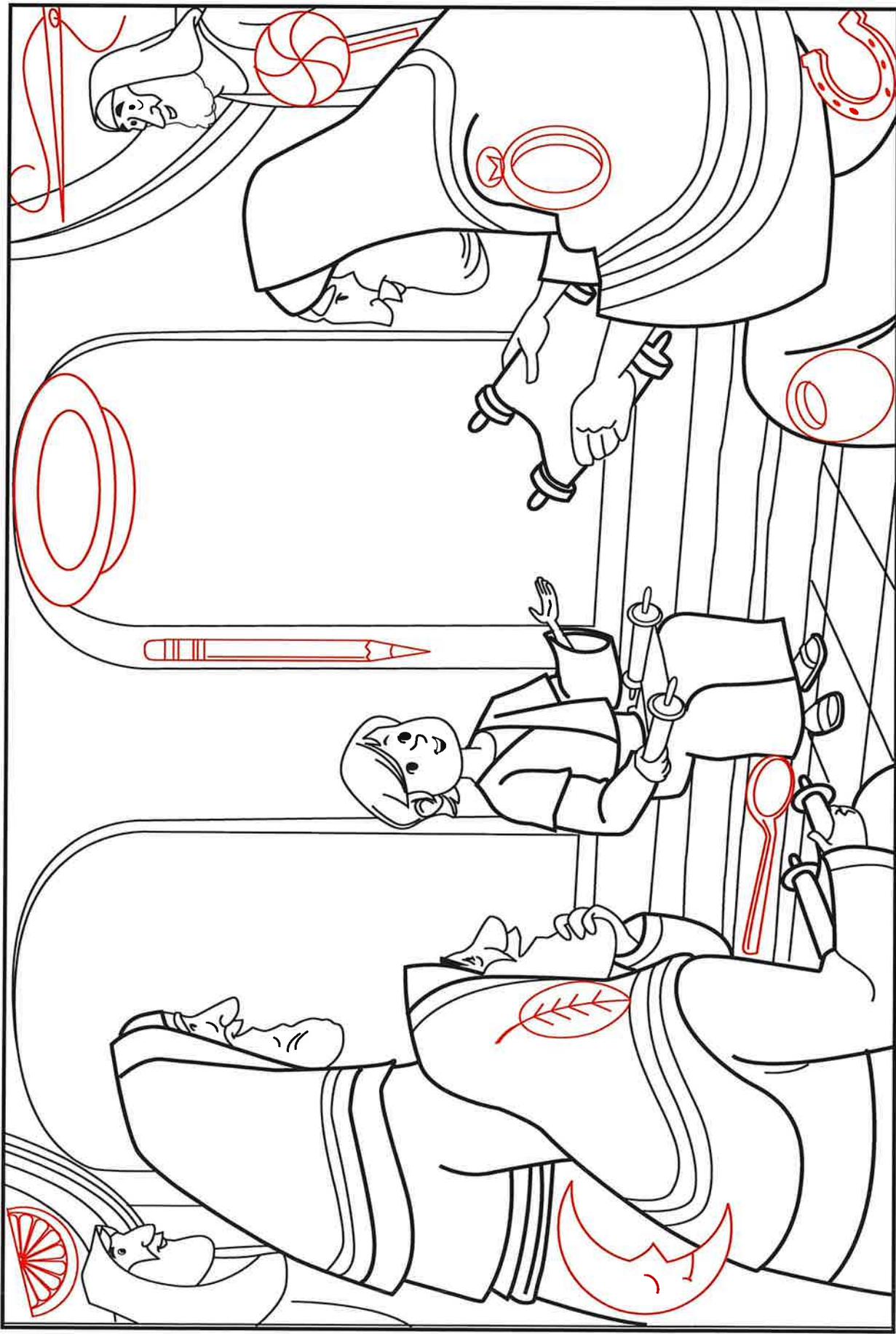
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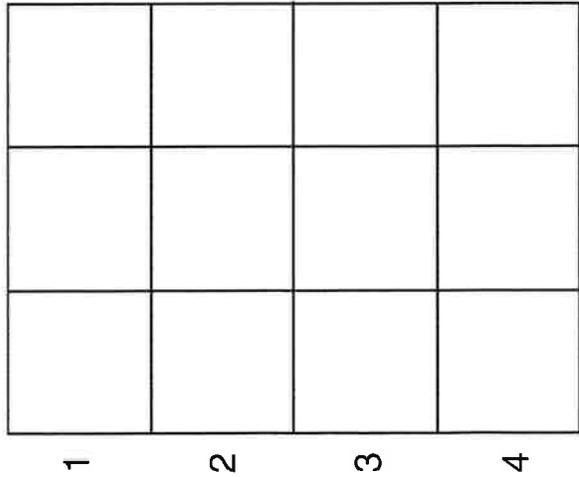
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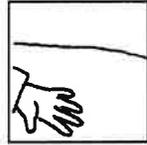


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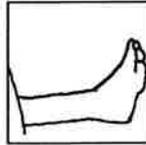
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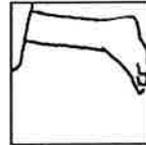
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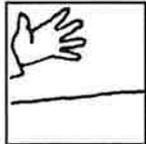
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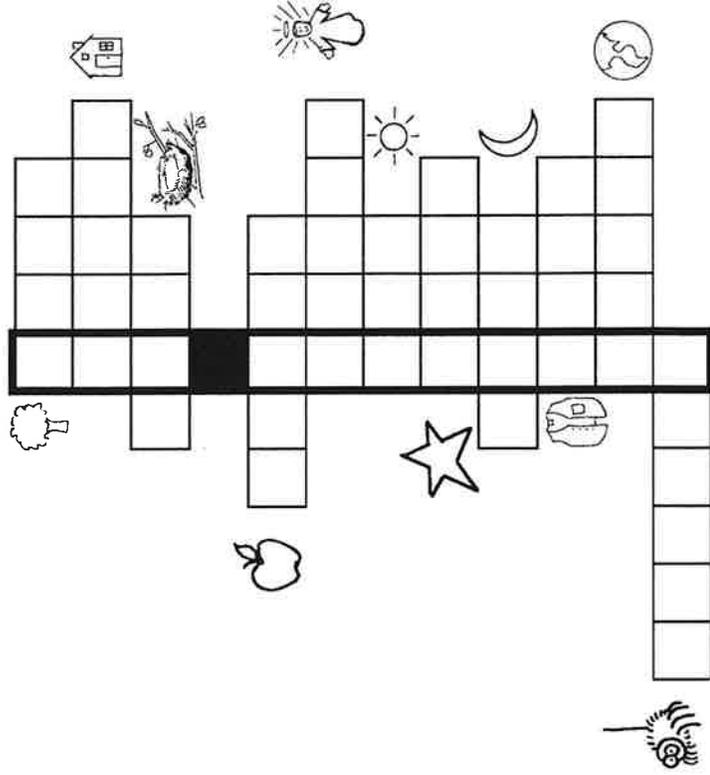
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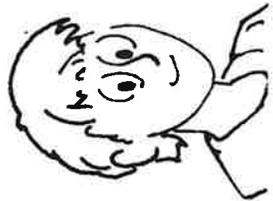
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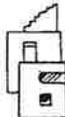
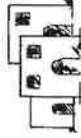
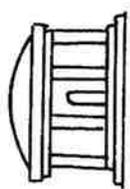


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Follow the maze from Nazareth to Jerusalem. Write the words you find in order on the blanks below.

**NAZARETH**   **JERUSALEM** 

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\_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ courts, sitting among the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 17 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ 16 \_\_\_\_\_

and asking \_\_\_\_\_ 16 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ 23 \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ " \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

Me?" \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ "Didn't \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_ 24 \_\_\_\_\_ I had to \_\_\_\_\_

be in My \_\_\_\_\_ 22 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ ?" But \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_ did not \_\_\_\_\_

understand. Then \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ went down to \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_

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Jesus asked them,  
“Didn’t you know where I’d be?”

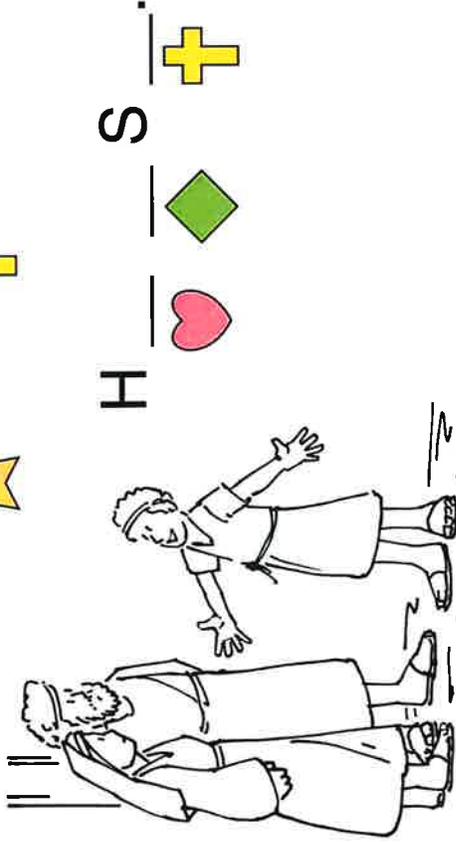
Use the code to fill in the missing letters below.

★ = A   † = E   ♣ = I  
♥ = O   ♦ = U

Where was Jesus?

N   H   S  
♣   ♣

F   T   H   †   R'S

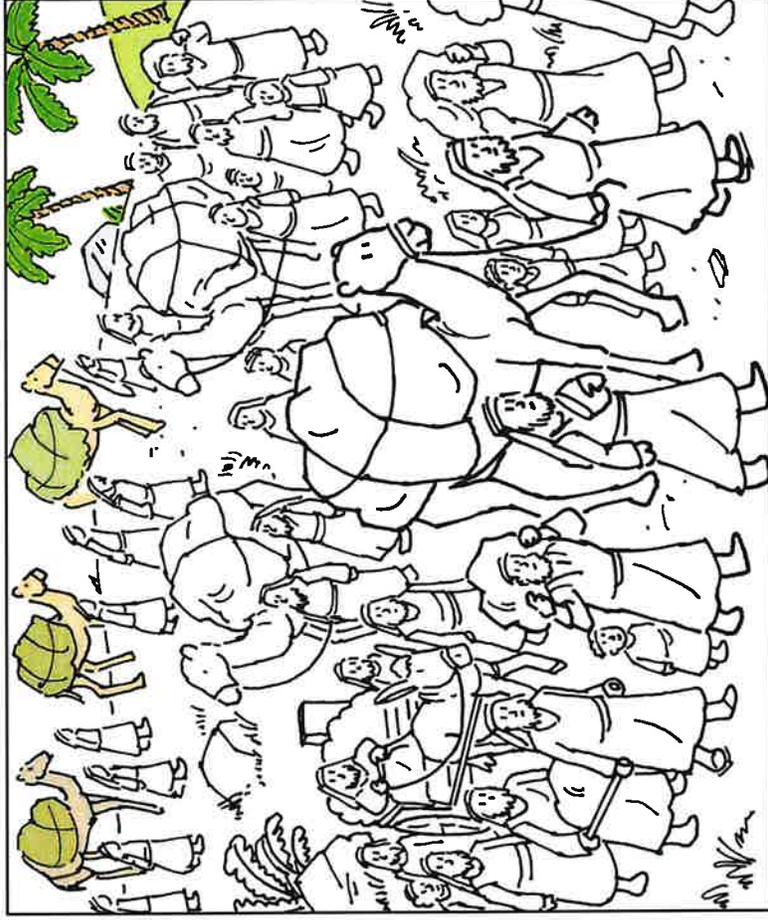


H   †   S   †

Jesus at the Temple

When He was a boy, Jesus traveled with His family to Jerusalem.

Find Jesus in the caravan traveling to Jerusalem.





**W**hen Jesus was 12, Mary and Joseph took Him to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. They traveled in a large group of family and friends.

**BEGIN** →

Read the words along the correct path of the maze to find what happened.

Lord and Jesus with the group as they prayed at temple

Mary and Joseph thought that Jesus saw Jesus as talked to the

Nazareth. At the end of the day they looked for Mary

Jerusalem as they left to see the temple to find Him.

you found that He was with the group at all.

Jesus Lord and Joseph hurried to the tree

So searched 3 days

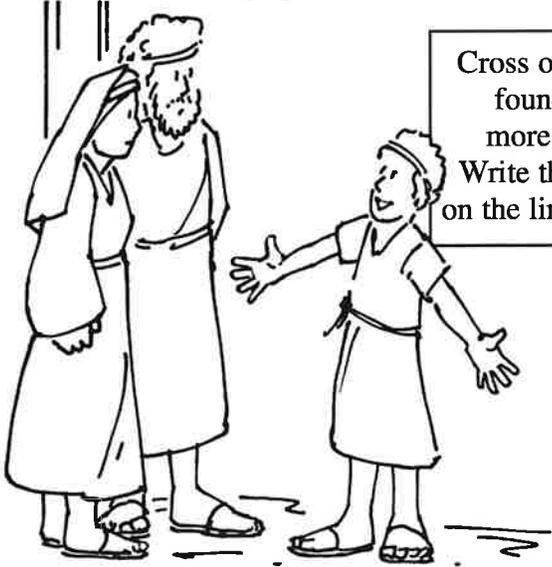
Wrong way

They

The river



Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the temple. He was with the teachers listening and asking questions. What did Jesus say to Mary and Joseph?

Cross out letters found 8 or more times. Write the words on the lines below.

W	H	Y	P	W	E	R	E	J
P	Y	O	U	J	L	V	L	P
S	E	A	R	C	H	I	N	G
V	F	O	R	X	M	E	L	L
D	I	D	N'T	V	P	X	P	V
X	L	Y	O	U	X	P	J	X
K	N	O	W	J	I	X	X	V
P	H	A	D	V	T	O	L	X
B	E	J	I	N	V	M	Y	J
V	F	A	T	H	E	R'	S	L
J	P	H	O	U	S	E	L	J

“ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_?  
 \_\_\_\_\_?”

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**W**hen Jesus was only 12, He was found at the temple teaching.  
The older teachers were amazed at His wisdom.

Color the picture.



Name \_\_\_\_\_





