

# 3<sup>RD</sup> Week of Studies



## The Jesus Child

Very little is told us about Jesus' childhood. These Scriptures tell us about the boy Jesus.

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them:  
but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Luke 2:41-52

**TELL ME . . .**

*Answer these questions. Award yourself 10 points for each correct answer.*

*100 – 90      Good*

*70 – 80      Fair*

*Below 70      You had better read the Scripture again.*

1. Where did Jesus go on a trip at the age of 12? \_\_\_\_\_
2. To what feast was Jesus and His parents going? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How old was Jesus at this time? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where did His parents first look for Him? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did they find Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How long was Jesus separated from them? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What was Jesus doing when they found Him? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Did Mary express great concern when she found Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Did Jesus have a good answer? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Did Mary understand His reply? \_\_\_\_\_

**Score** \_\_\_\_\_

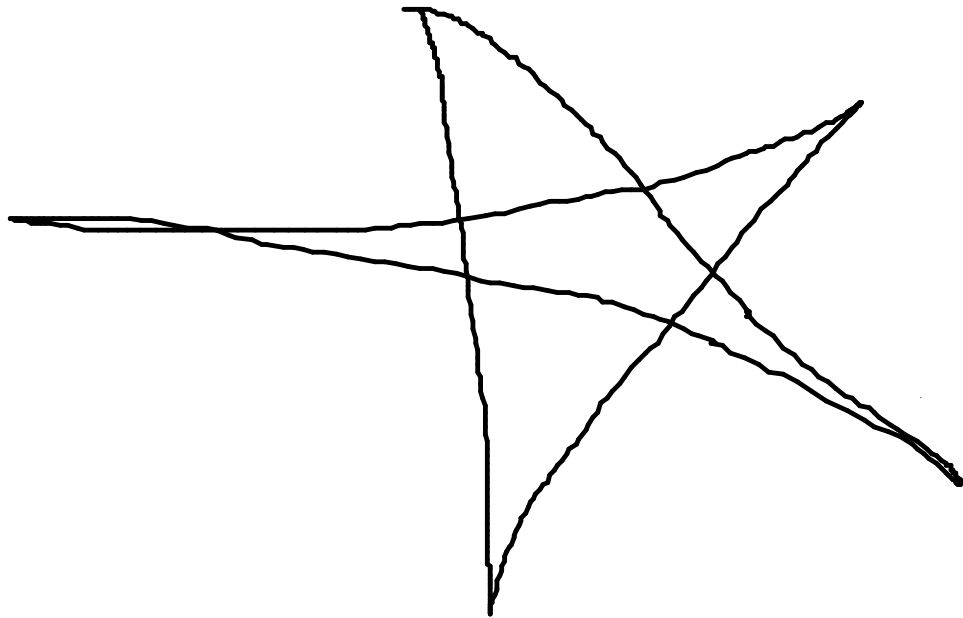
*AND JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM  
AND STATURE,  
AND IN FAVOUR WITH GOD  
AND MAN.*

*Luke 2:52*

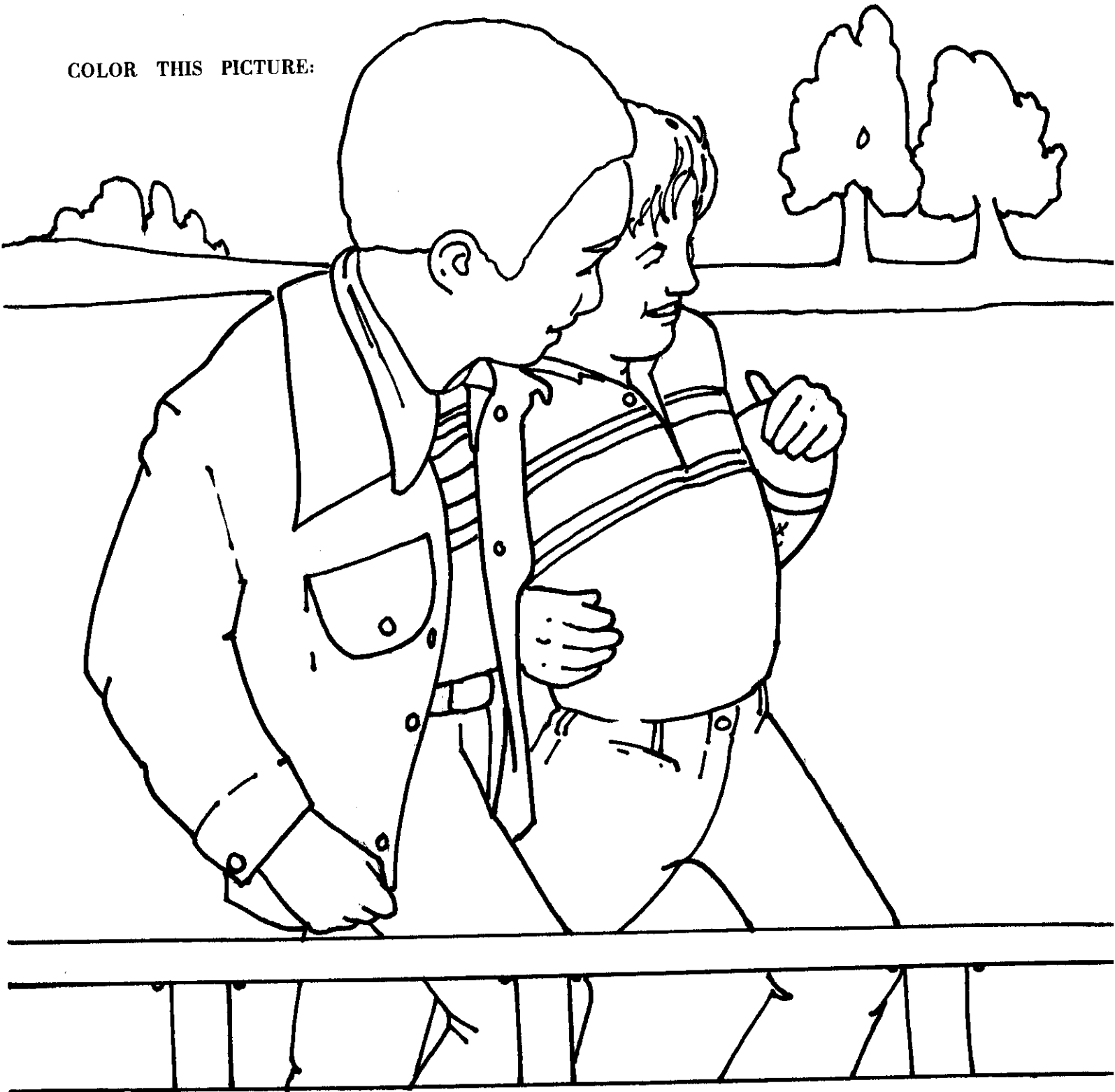
*Memorize Luke 2:52. After you can say this verse aloud, color this star:*

In what four things did Jesus increase? (See Luke 2:52)

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_



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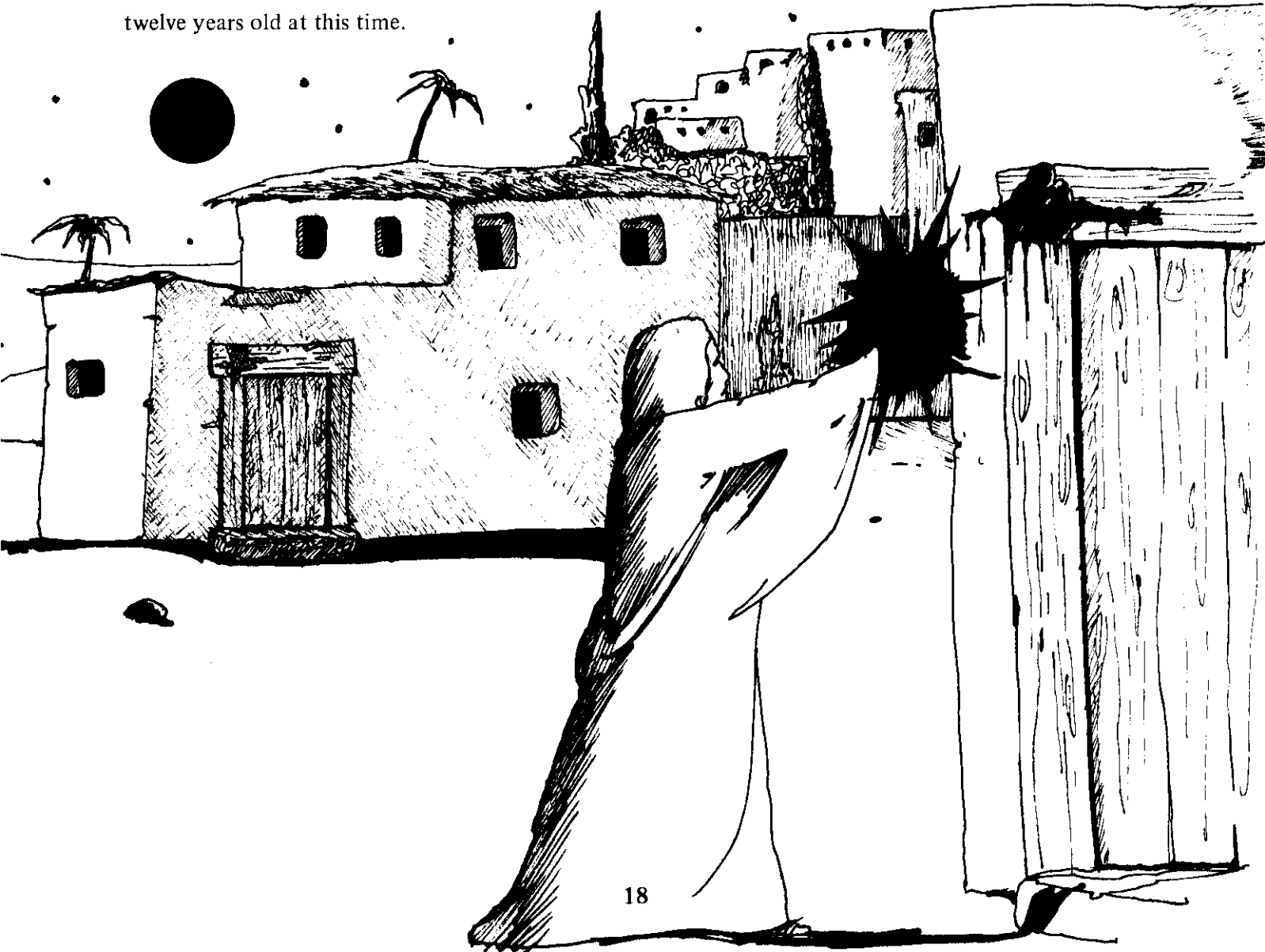
LET'S SUPPOSE . . .

Bill was John's best friend. One day he said to John, "Let's skip school and go fishing." John knew that this was not right to do. He did not want to make Bill mad at him. But, he did not want to skip school. What should John do? He prayed to Jesus that he would be able to give Bill the right answer. What do you think the answer was? Pretend you are in a situation like this. What would you do? Be prepared to tell the class your answer.

## THE FEAST OF PASSOVER

The city of Jerusalem was busy with activity. Donkeys, camels, and men on foot walked through the narrow streets. The odor of food cooking could be smelled every where. It was the time when everyone was in the city for the Passover. This was the most important feast of the Jewish people. It was celebrated on the first month of the religious calendar. This was about the same time as our month of April. The Passover feast reminded the Jews of the time when they had been delivered from Egypt. God had sent plagues on the Egyptians. One plague was the death of the first born child. The Lord told the Israelites that they must put blood of a lamb on their door post. God would then send an angel at midnight to Egypt. If the angel saw the blood on the door post, he would pass over the house. If there was no blood on the door post, the angel would cause the first born to die. Therefore, the Passover feast was to remind the Jews when the angel of death “passed over” the homes of the Israelites.

It was at the feast of Passover that Jesus was found in the Temple with the teachers. Christ was twelve years old at this time.



## AND JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM . . .

Wisdom can be said to be “common sense.” There was once a man named Solomon who prayed that God would give him wisdom. Solomon became a very famous man because he was wise. You can find the story of Solomon in the Old Testament in the book of I Kings. Read I Kings 3. You too can be wise.

Proverbs 4:5 says, “Get wisdom . . .” — *Place an X beside the correct answer:*

Did God give Solomon wisdom?    \_\_\_Yes    \_\_\_No

Can we also get wisdom from God?    \_\_\_Yes    \_\_\_No

## AND JESUS INCREASED IN STATURE . . .

Jesus was a growing boy. He liked to play the games all boys did. He took care of His body. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Read I Corinthians 6:19.

## AND JESUS INCREASED IN FAVOUR WITH GOD . . .

God was Jesus’ heavenly Father. He wanted to please Him. God is our heavenly Father also. We also want to please God.

List three ways we can please God.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Go back and read the story about Bill and John. Do you think skipping school would have pleased God?

## AND JESUS INCREASED IN FAVOUR WITH MAN . . .

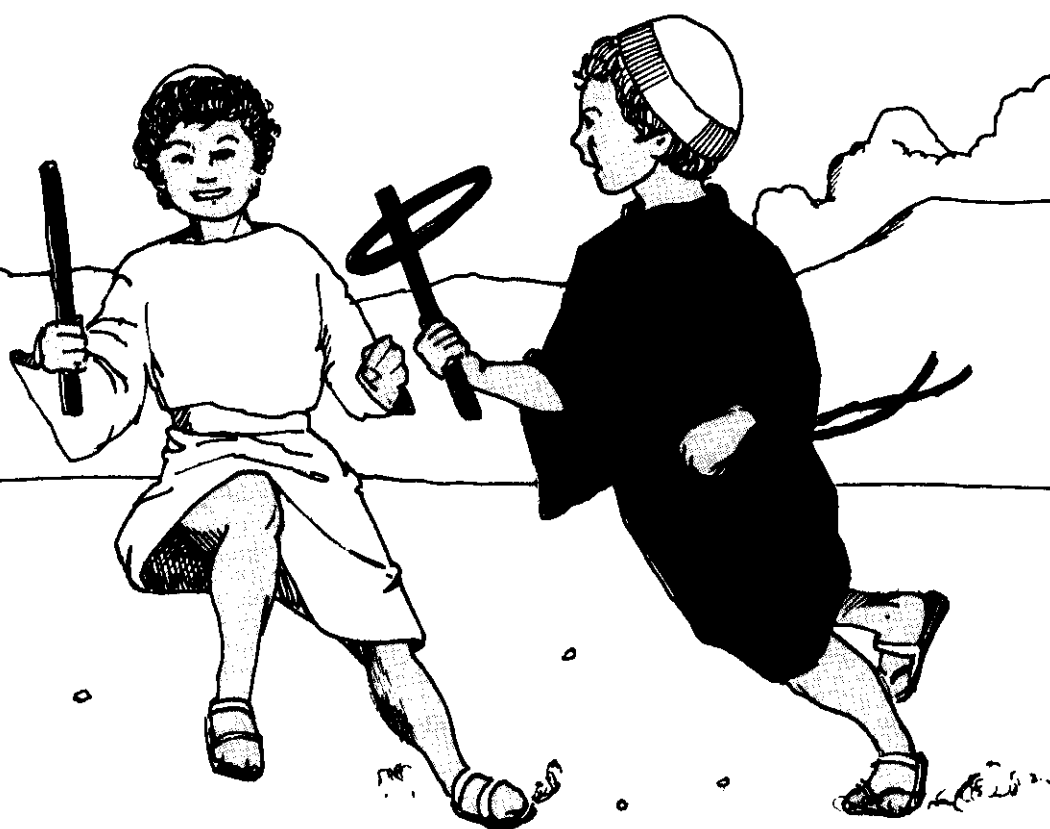
Jesus liked people. Everywhere He went He made friends. God wants us to like people also.

Proverbs 17:17 says, "A friend loveth at all times." Find this Scripture in your Bible and draw around it.

This means that you must even love people who hurt you. This is not always easy. Jesus even loved those who put Him on the cross. Can you think of another story in the Bible that tells about friends? Be able to tell this story in your own words to your parents.

The story in the Bible that tells about friends is: \_\_\_\_\_

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## THE CHILD JESUS

### THIRD WEEK DRILL

#### *Spelling:*

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|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. PASSOVER   | 6. ANGEL          |
| 2. JEWISH     | 7. PASSOVER FEAST |
| 3. RELIGIOUS  | 8. TEMPLE         |
| 4. EGYPT      | 9. WISDOM         |
| 5. ISRAELITES | 10. STATURE       |

#### *Give the correct word:*

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| 11. A Jewish Feast remembering an important night down in Egypt.         | <u>PASSOVER</u>       |
| 12. A Word that describes the nationality of the chosen people of God.   | <u>JEWISH</u>         |
| 13. Faith in and obedience to a Supreme Being – God.                     | <u>RELIGIOUS</u>      |
| 14. The nation from which the Israelites were delivered from slavery.    | <u>EGYPT</u>          |
| 15. The descendents of Jacob through his twelve sons.                    | <u>ISRAELITES</u>     |
| 16. A created intelligent being in rank between God and man.             | <u>ANGEL</u>          |
| 17. A religious festival remembering the past and looking to the future. | <u>PASSOVER FEAST</u> |
| 18. A great building constructed for the home of a Supreme Being.        | <u>TEMPLE</u>         |
| 19. Knowing what to do with what you have learned.                       | <u>WISDOM</u>         |
| 20. The physical body and size of a person.                              | <u>STATURE</u>        |

#### *Completion Questions:*

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| 21. Where did Jesus go on a trip at the age of 12? | <u>JERUSALEM</u>                                  |
| 22. To what feast was Jesus and His parents going? | <u>PASSOVER</u>                                   |
| 23. How old was Jesus at this time?                | <u>12 YEARS OLD</u>                               |
| 24. Where did His parents first look for Him?      | <u>AMONG KINSFOLK AND</u><br><u>ACQUAINTANCES</u> |

25. Where did they find Jesus?	<u>IN THE TEMPLE</u>
26. How long was Jesus separated from them?	<u>3 DAYS</u>
27. What was Jesus doing when they found Him?	<u>HEARING AND ASKING QUESTIONS</u>
28. Did Mary express great concern when she found Jesus?	<u>YES</u>
29. Did Jesus have a good answer?	<u>YES</u>
30. Did Mary understand His reply?	<u>NO</u>

*True - False Statements about the Boyhood of Jesus:*

- T 31. Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
- T 32. Joseph took Jesus and Mary to the land of Egypt.
- T 33. Joseph brought Jesus and Mary from Egypt to Nazareth.
- F 34. Jesus spent very little of His time as a boy in Nazareth.
- F 35. Jesus had no brothers or sisters.
- F 36. Jesus never learned how to work.
- T 37. Jesus attended worship and school in the synagogue.
- T 38. Nazareth was a very poor town.
- T 39. In Nazareth the people were very religious.
- T 40. Jesus had learned much by the time He was 12 years old.

*Completion Questions — Fill in the blanks:*

41. In Proverbs 4:5 — “Get WISDOM, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.”
42. In I Kings 3:9 — “Give therefore thy servant an understanding HEART to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad.”
43. In Luke 2:52 — “And Jesus increased in STATURE and wisdom, and in favour with God and man.”
44. Who was the distant cousin of Jesus and son of Elizabeth? JOHN THE BAPTIST
45. Who appeared unto Joseph in a dream? GABRIEL
46. Who ordered the slaying of the innocent children in Bethlehem? HEROD
47. What was the occupation of Joseph that Jesus learned? CARPENTER
48. Name the place where Jesus worshiped and learned? SYNAGOGUE
49. In addition to asking questions in the Temple, what was Jesus doing? HEARING ANSWERS
50. When Jesus reached the age of 30 in what river was He baptized? JORDAN