

# YOUNG JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

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## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Luke 2:39-52

## OPENING ACTIVITY

Today's story is about a time when Jesus was in the temple asking questions of the rabbis. Test the group's question-asking ability by playing "20 questions":

- One person thinks of a person, place, or thing. Have them tell the category to the group but not what it is. For the first round, have the leader think of something less obscure.
- The group takes turns asking questions. Coach the kids on how to ask questions that narrow down the possible answers.
- The objective of the group is to guess what the person is thinking of using 20 questions or less.

## I WONDER:

- I wonder how Mary and Joseph didn't notice that Jesus was not with them?
- I wonder what they thought had happened to Jesus?
- I wonder how Jesus knew the Bible so well?

## DIGGING DEEPER:

- What other information does the Bible give us about Jesus' childhood?
- The passage tells us that Jesus is 12 years old. Is that an important detail? (Leader's note: This would have been the year where Jesus was supposed to be studying the law to prepare for being held accountable for the law [Bar Mitzvah])
- Why did Jesus say he must be in his Father's house? Wasn't Joseph his father?
- Take a closer look at the passage. What does Jesus do after his conversation with Mary?