

JESUS gets lost

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When Jesus was a boy,
he loved to go with the family
to the temple at Jerusalem.
But, one day his parents thought he was lost.



When Jesus was twelve years old
he went with his neighbours and parents,
Joseph and Mary, to the Temple (church)
at Jerusalem, just as they did every year.



When he got to the Jerusalem
Jesus went to the Temple.
He started asking questions and talking
about God with the wise old teachers.



Jesus listened to them teaching and
asked them questions too. They were
amazed at how much this boy knew.
He understood everything in the Bible!



When it was time to go home
all the families went together.
Joseph and Mary thought Jesus
was walking with some of his friends.



After a while they went to find Jesus,
but no-one had seen him all day.
“He must have been left behind,” said Joseph
and they hurried back to look for him.



At last they found him in the Temple.
Joseph and Mary told Jesus how worried
they had been when they couldn't find him.
“Didn't you know I was in my Father's house?” he said.



Jesus went straight home with them.
He always listened to his parents and obeyed them.
And Mary never forgot how much Jesus loved
God's word, even when he was a little boy.