

# Jesus At the Temple

Luke 2:41-52

## Jesus at the Temple read by Heather



My name is Mary, my husband is called Joseph and we have a son called Jesus. Jesus is about 12 years old. He really is a very good son. He helps his Dad Joseph in the workshop and he studies hard at the synagogue.

You know it's funny but he was born in a stable, you wouldn't know that; looking at him now. An actual Angel told me he was going to be born.

Well, I mustn't chat, we are off to Jerusalem for the Passover festival.

"Joseph, Jesus, where are you both. It's time to leave!"



Hello again, well what a lovely Passover celebration. We had a good look around the temple. We celebrated with a lamb.

I love remembering what Moses and my ancestors got up too. Leaving Egypt, walking through the Red Sea... Awesome! It's been so good but it takes about a week to walk back home and I would like to get going.

We are walking back with Joseph's cousin Mordecai and a few others. Elizabeth has just come over and asked if we are ready. "Joseph, Jesus - where are you both?"



"I think we have lost Jesus! We have been walking for what feels like days and I can't find him anywhere."

Joseph replied. "Don't worry, he's probably with his cousins."

"Well, I better keep looking." I said, "Joseph, it's not funny. I really can't find Jesus. I've spoken to everybody and nobody has seen him anywhere!"

Joseph, we are going to have to go back to Jerusalem. Yes, I know it will take 3 days!"



"Well, it's been 3 days and we still haven't found him!"

"We have looked everywhere! And I mean everywhere." Joseph replied.

"I'm gonna be so cross when we find him!"



You'll never guess where we found him! This woman ran over to me, "You're looking for your son aren't you! He's been in the Temple with the priests listening to them and asking lots of questions. Everybody is amazed at the way he is talking to the priests. His answers are soooooo clever. It's like He is a priest!"



Joseph and I weren't proud at first. We were cross. I said to Jesus, "Why have you done this to us son, we have been soooooo worried."

Jesus said to me and Joseph, "Didn't you know that I would have to be in my father's house?" Such a strange answer..... It's like that business with the Wise Men again. What is he going to grow up to be?

Well, we've been home for a while now. He's being very well behaved - a really good boy, but I



can't forget all that's happened. First the angel, then the shepherds and the angels, then the Wise men and the Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. When he was dedicated old Simeon and Anna told us he that he was a special baby and now this.... I wonder what will happen next?

Jesus said, "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" The temple was God's house for the people, a place to meet with God. Jesus was reminding his parents that he is God's Son. Jesus said if you have seen me you have seen the Father! Jesus is God and he knows what it is like to be human. He really understands what it feels like to be us and we can trust him with our problems and difficulties.

Let's say thank you now.

Dear Jesus,

Thank you that came to live in our world as a human being. Thank you that you know how it is to be human. Thank you that I can trust in you.

Amen

[Jesus at the temple](#) 'Come and See,' stories from Jesus' childhood.





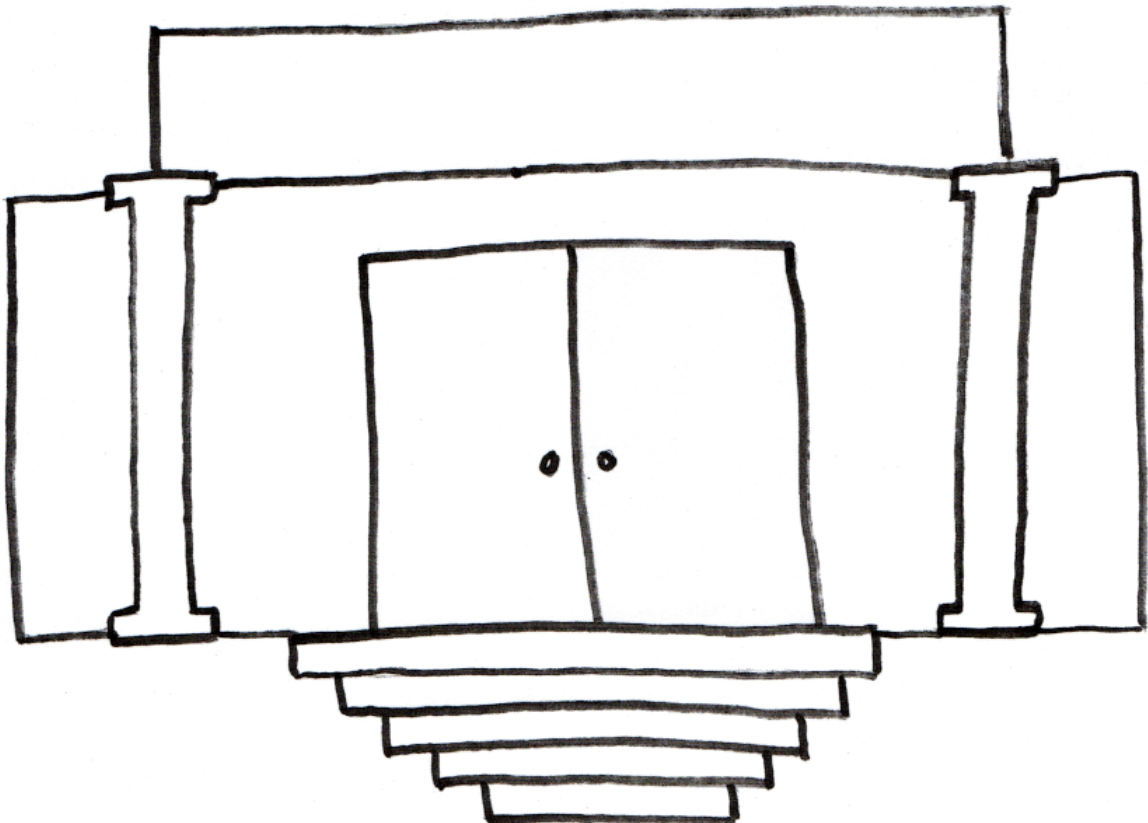
Jesus In the Temple Craft Sheet (below), scissors, crayons, glue sticks, half-sheets of plain paper

- Print out a Jesus in the Temple Craft Sheet (see below) for each student and give them a half-sheet of plain paper.
- Have students cut the doors so they open.
- Glue onto the plain sheet of paper.
- Open temple doors and have the students draw Jesus inside.



## Jesus in the Temple as a Boy

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# The Boy Jesus in the Temple

After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Luke 2:46 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 2:41-52

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J K P M I B E Q E S H A V S V  
L U W E N K X R M D W B C E W  
L Y L D G B W S S U D E B I S  
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G W B B F J Q M A R D I R P E  
X W P V J O M E P F A T H E R  
U E F V F C F O U N D Z X A W

FRIENDS	ANSWERS	FOUND	AMAZED	TEACHERS
MOTHER	FEAST	SEARCHING	FATHER	RELATIVES
PARENTS	RETURN	TEMPLE	HOME	TRAVELED



## Where Was Jesus? Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

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EPHJOS

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Jesus said "Didn't you know that I had to be

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