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Luke 2:49, “*And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?*”

Luke 2:52, “*And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.*”

In Luke 2 we have recorded where Jesus and His family had gone to Jerusalem when He was twelve years old. I feel the LORD chose to include this account of Jesus's youth to make others near that age consider their relationship with the LORD. By the time one reaches twelve, they are beginning to be capable of discerning right and wrong. For some it might come a little earlier and, for some, a little later.

There are so many things in Luke 2 that we could discuss. It truly would take multiple pages, or even a book, to discuss all the treasures contained within this event of Jesus's childhood. The two above verses though sum up the way Jesus was spiritually during His youth.

In Luke 2:49, the parents of Jesus had questioned Him about why He had done this and told Him that they had sought Him with sorrow. He

asked them how was it they sought Him. He then asked them if they didn't know that He must be about His father's business. Jesus answered them concisely, but with all respect. He seemed puzzled that they even considered looking other places for Him.

At this age, I don't think that Jesus had any miraculous abilities. We'll show this from verse 52. His knowledge of the Father and His interest was that of any child growing up in a strong spiritual environment.

In referring to His father, Jesus could have been referring to God being His father in a spiritual sense as any follower of God would do. We simply do not know if He had further knowledge beyond that of other people. I tend to think He did not, so that He would have the complete human experience of being born, growing up, and studying from the scriptures like anyone else. Or perhaps His parents told Him of the events surrounding His miraculous birth and therefore He knew from them who His father was.

We know from verse 52 that Jesus was not yet complete. We are told that Jesus increased in wisdom, and stature, and in favour with God and man. As God Himself, Jesus would have had all wisdom. He increased in wisdom after this event, which meant He did not have all wisdom. We are not told when Jesus became complete, but it was later on. Perhaps it was at His baptism when God descended upon Him as a dove.

I think Luke 2 is recorded so we can know about the time of life when children start turning to the LORD. Perhaps a child in your household or family is about the age of twelve. Where are their thoughts and hearts? Are their hearts with the LORD or with worldly things. Certainly a child has interests of playing and other activities, but thoughts of the LORD need to be there and strong.

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Parson.** Remember **Archie & Judy Manning.** Archie is very sick with cancer. **Shirley Edwards** came home this past Thursday after three weeks of rehab following having a pacemaker installed. **Vicki McDaniel** will be having surgery on discs and nerves in her neck on March 10 at St. Thomas hospital in Nashville.

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Without spiritual guidance, a child will not turn to the LORD. They need guidance and instruction from their birth onward. How did Jesus know to go into the temple and be about His Father's business? No doubt it was because of the way He had been raised.

In Luke 2:41 we are told, "*Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.*" Jesus' parents went yearly to Jerusalem. No doubt as they did this yearly, Jesus was picking up bits and pieces of spiritual knowledge and learning why they were doing this. As He neared the age of twelve, He was so interested in spiritual matters that He was hearing questions and asking questions in the temple. The heart and thoughts of Jesus were turned this way in no small part because of His parents regularly coming to Jerusalem and keeping of the law.

A few verses earlier when Jesus was still an infant, we are told in Luke 2:39, "*And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.*" The parents of Jesus performed all things of the law. Joseph and Mary were the best possible parents to Jesus because they obeyed the LORD and did all things according to the law of the LORD.

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Sunday, February 2, 2019

Classes	15	II Peter 2:1-9
Preaching	22	Luke 13:1-5
Contribution	\$1332.00	
Evening	19	Singing (Psalm 121:1-8)

Wednesday, February 5, 2019

Classes	13	Isaiah 15:1-0
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Visitors— Feb 2 (AM) John Lay (Glasgow, KY)

Bible Quiz

Nimrim had what withered away?

Last Week's Answer— Zion (Isaiah 14:32)

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When the same is done for children today, they will naturally turn to the LORD. Make sure children are at every service possible. Read the Bible to them daily. Let them hear you pray often. Do all according to the law of the LORD and they too, will be about their Father's business when they come of age to know of these matters.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)