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**Series:** Teen Heroes of the Bible  
Fall Year 2, Lesson 15

# Jesus in His Father's House

**Take Home Point:** \*Remember *whose* you are – a child of the heavenly Father. \*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson.

**Bible Event:** Luke 2:41-52

**Key Verse:** John 1:12, "However, he gave the right to become God's children to everyone who believed in him."

**We will help kids know:**

- The Bible event of Jesus visiting the temple when he was 12 years old during Passover.
- Jesus recognized his identity as the Son of the heavenly Father and the Messiah.
- That by faith in Christ, they too, are children of the heavenly Father.
- The key to growing in wisdom and maturity is remembering *whose* you are – a child of the heavenly Father.




**We will help kids feel:**

- Secure in their position and identity as a child of the heavenly Father.
- Thankful that no matter what, they have a heavenly Father that loves them and has a plan for them.

**We will help kids do:**

- Talk about what their life would be if they were in another family.
- Discuss characteristics that help them understand *who* they are.
- Discuss *whose* they are – a child of the heavenly Father.
- Make an ID card that reminds them of who and whose they are.

## THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
<b>Small Group Warm-Up</b> 	3	Students will discuss what their lives would be like if they grew up in a different family.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• none</li> </ul>
<b>Large Group</b> 	3  7  8	<b>Overview</b>  <b>Game show: <i>Teen Idol</i></b> ---The game show host, Raz Mattaz, interviews some participants from the audience about their unique gifts and abilities. But who is the greatest teen of all time?  <b>Video: <i>Jesus of Nazareth, Part 1</i></b> -- - Jesus in the Temple during Passover when he was twelve years old.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• stage set-up to look like a game show</li> <li>• microphone for the host</li> <li>• jazzed up sport coat</li> <li>• applause sign</li> <li>• video: <i>Jesus of Nazareth, Part 1</i>, produced by Vincenzo Labella, 1992, ISBN 1-56371-137-0.  <a href="http://www.visionvideo.com">www.visionvideo.com</a> </li> </ul>
<b>Small Group Application</b> 	4	Students will fill in their own personal information to create an ID card as well as learn and identify <i>whose</i> they are.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• two sided ID card for each kid (<i>p.10</i>)</li> <li>• scissors</li> <li>• pencils</li> </ul>

## Small Group Warm-Up: 15 minutes



**Purpose:** *Get pointed in the right direction!* Build relationships and help guests feel at ease. Do the learning readiness activity that will point your group in the right direction for the lesson.

**As kids gather:** Listen to memory verses from last week and give coupons for memory verses, remembering to bring your Bible, and bringing a guest.

After kids have arrived and are settled, ask the following:

**If you could not be a part of your family, but instead had to be part of another family, what family would you choose? This could be a family you know or one you make up. Why?**

**How do you think you would be different now if you were raised in this other family?**

**If you are an only child, or oldest, or youngest now, would you choose the same for yourself in the “new” family?**

After kids have shared, conclude with:

**I’m thankful that you are unique and special. Much of who you are has happened because of the family that God has placed you in. But today, we will learn not just *who* you are, but *whose* you are.**

**If you have faith in Christ, you are part of another family as well. You belong to the family of the heavenly Father. You are his child. So *\*remember whose you are – a child of the heavenly Father.***

## Large Group Overview: 20-30 minutes



**Purpose:** *Help kids observe what the Bible says. Present the Bible event in creative fashion. Help kids begin to interpret what it means.*

**Game show: *Teen Idol***---The game show host, Raz Mattaz, interviews some participants from the audience about their unique gifts and abilities. But who is the greatest teen of all time?

**Video: *Jesus of Nazareth, Part 1***--- Jesus in the Temple during Passover when he was twelve years old.

# Small Group Application: 20-25 minutes



**Purpose:** *Help kids map out the meaning of the Bible event in their lives. Use the questions to stimulate discussion, but don't feel tied to them. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Include personal examples from your own faith journey. The example of Christ at work in your life will leave lasting impressions of how Christ can work in the children's lives.*

*Use your Bibles! Children need to learn how to look up references and follow along when scripture is read aloud. Allow for quality time of prayer at the close of the lesson.*

## **Observation Questions: What happened?/Interpretation Questions: What does this mean?**

Have kids refer to Luke 2:41-52 for the following questions:

**How old was Jesus when he decided to stay in Jerusalem even though his parents left?** *(Luke 2:42. Twelve.)*

**Do you think he thought he would be separated from his earthly parents for a long time, or do you think he knew they would come looking for him? Why?**

**How long had he been separated from his parents?** *(Luke 2:46. Three days.)*

**Where was he and what was he doing?** *(Luke 2:46. He was in the temple courtyard listening to the teachers and asking them questions.)*

**Why do you think Jesus' understanding and his answers stunned everyone who heard him?** *(Luke 2:47.)*

**When his parents found Jesus, how did Mary's response to him sound the same or different than any other earthly mom?** *(Luke 2:48.)*

**What did Jesus say when Mary told him how worried they had been?** *(Luke 2:49. "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you realize that I had to be in my Father's house?")*

**Why do you think Mary and Joseph did not understand what he meant? What do you think he meant?**

**Do you think Jesus had been disobedient?**

**How did Jesus demonstrate he was Son of our heavenly Father in Luke 2:51-52?** *(He was obedient to his parents. He grew in wisdom and maturity and gained favor from God and people.)*

## **Application Questions: What does this mean to me?**

**How can we be like Jesus and grow in godly wisdom and maturity?**

**It is not often that we think of Jesus as a kid or even as a teenager. Jesus did not have all his knowledge and wisdom at birth. He had to discover who he was just like you.**

**He experienced everything you have or will experience as a teenager. Jesus discovered who he was in his family and in the Jewish culture.**

**What are some of the things that make you unique in your family and community?**

Application Activity:

*Supplies needed: ID cards, scissors and pencils*

While answers are discussed, pass out the ID cards and have kids cut them out.

**Look at the side of the ID card with “Who Am I?” printed on it. Go ahead and fill out the information about yourself.**

**How did you identify yourself?**

**As you grow into a teenager, you will always have physical traits that identify or describe you, and you will have certain interests and hobbies.**

**Now let’s flip the card over. Notice what is printed: *Whose Am I?* You are special to God and a member of his family just by accepting Jesus as your Savior. Jesus sacrificed himself on the cross so you will never have to worry about *whose* you are. Your sins are forgiven.**

**The key verse for today from John 1:12 says, “*However, he gave the right to become God’s children to everyone who believed in him.*”**

Have kids complete the ID card.

**Once you become God’s child, he will never leave you or stop loving you. Hebrews 13:5b says, “*God has said, ‘I will never abandon you or leave you.’*”**

**Today we learned about Jesus in the temple and how he discovered his identity as the Messiah and Son of the heavenly Father. Isn’t it**

comforting to know that Jesus was a child and teenager just like you and to know that you have a place in the Father's kingdom?

No matter how you feel at times about where you fit in your family, school, or friends, you are God's child. This will never change no matter what happens all around you. You can trust God's word and live by faith, which will have a positive effect in your daily life.  
*\*Remember whose you are – a child of the heavenly Father.*

Closing Prayer:

Allow time for the kids to give thanks and praise to God for sending Jesus as their Savior. Thank God that because of the sacrifice Jesus made on their behalf, they too can become a child of the heavenly Father.

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# Large Group Presentation: 20-30 minutes

## Teen Idol: Jesus in His Father's House

*Props:*

- *Set up the front to look like a stage.*
- *Have the host named Raz Mattaz, dressed in a fun way, possibly with a jazzed up sport coat.*
- *Microphone for the host (operational, toy, or other representation).*
- *Applause sign and someone in the front to hold it up when needed.*

*This setting recreates a variety show that features various teen contestants in a talent competition. Use kids from the audience as the contestants.*

Host Introduction - Raz Mattaz:

**Welcome, ladies and gentlemen! I am your host, Raz. That's Raz Mattaz. Thank you for coming to our show today. As you know, this is the teen idol show that everyone is talking about. This is a very special show because we are featuring the most famous teen of all time. We thought why not begin this season with the best teen.**

**Before we start our show, we would like to give a special welcome to all the preteens in our audience today. Most of the audience participants are just about ready to be teens. I would like to interview some of the world's greatest preteens to see if they might be contestants for our show in the future.**

Bring some kids up. Ask each child some questions that help highlight some of their interests or hobbies, gifts and abilities to be part of the teen idol show in the weeks ahead.

**Let's give these kids a round of applause. Thank you for sharing with us. This year's teen idol show has a lot of great teen talent lined up for you over the next several weeks.**

Have kids return to their seats.

THE GREATEST TEEN WHO EVER LIVED

**But as we said earlier, we are going to learn about the greatest teen who ever lived. Anyone think they know who that might be?**

Take answers from the audience.

**The answer is Jesus. I know we don't often think of Jesus as a teenager. But he was once a teenager like any other boy in his day, except he never sinned or did anything against the Father's will. Yet he grew up and developed like any other teenager.**

**The video clip you are about to see shows Jesus and his family in Jerusalem for the Passover festival. They traveled to Jerusalem from Nazareth. This was a special visit for Jesus because he was 12 years old. In the Jewish tradition, this meant he was now considered an adult and responsible for following the laws. Therefore, Jesus had to fulfill certain religious duties. One of these duties was to attend the Passover festival in Jerusalem.**

**When it was time for all of them to return to Nazareth, Mary thought Jesus was with Joseph. And, Joseph thought Jesus was with Mary. But what really happened was that Jesus stayed in Jerusalem while his family left for home. When they realized he was missing, they searched for Jesus. Let's see where they finally found him and what he was doing. Let's also find out what Jesus discovered about himself. That is the key to this message and the key to why he stayed at the Temple.**

### Video

Show the video clip from the film, *Jesus of Nazareth Part 1*. The clip is 78 minutes after the opening title. Begin just after the zealot on his knees crying says, "How long?" and end it just after Jesus says, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's House?" The length of the clip is approximately three minutes.

After the video, continue with:

**Wow. Did you hear what Mary said to Jesus? "Your father and I have been worried sick looking for you." And Jesus answered her, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?"**

**Since the temple is not where he lives with his mother and father, why would Jesus say that the temple is his Father's house? What does he mean?**

**Did any of you catch what Jesus discovered about himself?**

Take answers.

**Jesus recognized his identity as the Messiah and Son of the heavenly Father. This discovery helped him through his teenage years to be the greatest teen that has ever lived.**



**It means he knew that he had a different father. Jesus was now able to grow in wisdom and maturity because he was considered an adult and responsible for learning and keeping the ways of the Jewish laws. But more importantly, Jesus knew his identity as the Son of the *heavenly* Father.**

**We are different than Jesus because we are not God. However, this is the most awesome part, if we have faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior, we become a child of the heavenly Father. We are God's children, too. So, *\*remember whose you are – a child of the heavenly Father.***

**In small groups, you will talk about whose you are and what your life is like when you remember God is your Father.**

Prayer:

**Dear God, thank you for loving us and giving us our own special identity and earthly families. We can feel secure in your love and mercy because you sent your Son Jesus to die for us. We are now children of the heavenly Father. So, be with us now as we discuss and learn whose we are and how that allows us to enjoy all the eternal riches of belonging to your family. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

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