



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Jesus' Boyhood Trip to the Temple

Take Home Point:

Spend time with God and grow close to him.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: What happened to the string when the balloon was charged? *(It moved closer to the balloon.)* How is that like us and God? *(When we come close to God, he will come close to us.)*

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Have each family member share: "One of my favorite vacations or time when we were all together was when..." Then say: "It takes time together for people to feel close to one another. The same is true for God and us. When do we spend time with God? How does that help us feel closer to him?"

READ THE BIBLE: Luke 2:41-52. Jesus' boyhood trip to the temple.

KEY VERSE: James 4:8. *"Come close to God, and he will come close to you."*

TALK ABOUT IT:

How old was Jesus when he stayed behind in Jerusalem after the Passover festival? *(Luke 2:42. He was twelve.)* Where did Mary and Joseph find Jesus? *(Luke 2:46. In the temple courtyard.)* How long had Jesus been at the temple in Jerusalem? *(Luke 2:46. At least three days.)* What did Jesus do at the temple that was so amazing? *(Luke 2:47. "His understanding and his answers stunned everyone who heard him.")* What was Jesus' answer to his parents when they asked him why he had done this? *(Luke 2:49. "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you realize that I had to be in my Father's house?")*

What does Jesus' answer to Mary and Joseph tell us about what he thought was important? *(Even though Jesus loved his earthly parents, he wanted to get even closer to his heavenly Father.)* What do you think was so amazing about Jesus wanting to stay at the temple? *(He was so young to have so much knowledge or to want to be at the temple instead of playing.)* How do you think he acquired so much knowledge and understanding? *(He spent time praying and studying scripture.)*

Why do you think Jesus grew in wisdom and maturity and gained favor from God and people? How old should we be to want to get close to God?

PRAYER POWER: Thank Jesus that he made a way for us to be close to God through his death and resurrection. Thank him for his example of wanting to get close to God through prayer and scripture reading. Pray for the Holy Spirit to help all family members spend daily time with God.

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Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

One of the biggest challenges for families is to set time aside to spend together with God. Part of the reason is due to lack of intentional planning. Make a plan as to when and what your family might do together to spend time with God. This might include: nightly prayers, dinner prayers, family nights, Bible videos or a family spiritual retreat.

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