



WEEK 9 DAY 1 Jesus as a Child: Even as a child, Jesus wanted to do His Father's plan.

Step 1: Watch

This week's video is about Jesus as a child based on Matthew 2 and Luke 2:

<https://www.crosssound.org/family-videos>

Step 2: Discuss Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

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- What does this story teach us about God?
- What did the teachers in the temple think about Jesus?
- Whom does God want us to honor and why?

Step 3: Worship

Sing with Chris Tomlin: ["I Will Rise"](#)

Step 4: Pray

Take turns praying and thanking God for His Word and for sending His Son. Ask God to show grace to you as you grow in wisdom and understanding.

Bonus Family Activity

Complete an activity page to go with today's story.





WEEK 9 DAY 2 Jesus as a Child: Even as a child, Jesus wanted to do His Father's plan.

Step 1: Read

Romans 12:10 *"Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle."* (from The Message translation)

Step 2: Discuss

God sent Jesus to earth with a purpose. Even as a child, Jesus wanted to honor God. God blessed Jesus as He got ready to follow His Father's plan: to die on the cross and rescue people from sin. Jesus shows us His love and teaches us to love others.

- Why is it important to love others more than ourselves?
- How can we love our family, good friends, and neighbors deeply even when we are staying at home?
- In what areas of my life am I trying to "Do it alone"? What can I do differently?

Step 3: Worship

Sing with Lauren Daigle: ["Love Like This"](#)

Step 4: Pray

Ask the Lord to help you to find other brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Ask God to help you be devoted to them and learn how to share your life with them. You will bless the body of Christ in the process, amen!

Bonus Family Activity

Talk about people in your lives that have impacted you greatly. How can you reach out to them and tell them or show them just how precious they are to you?





WEEK 9 DAY 3 Jesus as a Child: Even as a child, Jesus wanted to do His Father's plan.

Step 1: Read

Hebrews 10:23-25 *"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* (NIV)

Step 2: Discuss

Jesus came to bring hope. Even as a child Jesus was teaching others God is faithful. We have to choose every day how we are going to let the Gospel give us hope.

- How has God been faithful to me?
- In what ways does God give me hope?
- How can I encourage others to have hope in Christ?

Step 3: Worship

Sing with Casting Crowns: ["Only Jesus"](#)

Step 4: Pray

Ask God to give you a verse this week that gives you hope. Thank God for His faithfulness.

Bonus Family Activity

Create a piece of art, a bookmark, a poem, a LEGO creation, or other meaningful activity to illustrate the verse God gave you that gives you hope.



WEEK 9 DAY 4 Jesus as a Child: Even as a child, Jesus wanted to do His Father's plan.

Step 1: Read

Ephesians 1:8-10 *"He poured his grace on us. By giving us great wisdom and understanding, he showed us the mystery of his plan. It was in keeping with what he wanted to do. It was what he had planned through Christ. It will all come about when history has been completed. God will then bring together all things in heaven and on earth under Christ."* (NirV)

Step 2: Discuss

When Jesus was a child he had great wisdom and understanding. In this passage we see how God has a plan not just for specific areas of our life but He has a plan for the whole universe. God has graciously shared the mystery of His plan to us through Jesus Christ.

- What has God already done?
- What remains to be done in God's plan?
- How does your life fit into God's plan?

Step 3: Worship

Sing with Sanctus Real: "[Confidence](#)"

Step 4: Pray

Ephesians tells us that our lives—indeed, the universe itself—is all about Jesus Christ. It tells us that everything is working towards that end of bringing everything—everything!—together under him. Pray together and ask God to show you how you and your family can be a part of God's plan in your home, community, and world.

Bonus Family Activity

Take some hot chocolate or other treat outside and stargaze this evening. Behold God's majesty and all He created!



WEEK 9 DAY 5 Jesus as a Child: Even as a child, Jesus wanted to do His Father's plan.

Step 1: Read

Mark 10:13-16 "And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all." And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands on them." (NASB)

Step 2: Discuss

- What were the people doing with their children at the beginning of the story? Did Jesus' followers like this? Why or why not?
- What did Jesus have to say about this?
- How can God use you in His kingdom even while you are young?

Step 3: Worship

Sing with Chris Rice: ["Go Light Your World"](#)

Step 4: Pray

Ask for everyone to share a prayer request and something they want to thank the Lord for, and then take turns praying out loud. Pray for God's kingdom work in the world.

Bonus Family Activity

Brainstorm ways your family can be involved in God's kingdom together. What are your next steps?



Where Is Jesus?

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the key to find and circle Jesus. Then find and circle Mary and Joseph.



Preschool Activity Pages

Unit 19• Session 5

Jesus as a Child

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus traveled to Jerusalem with His parents when He was 12 years old.
- Jesus was not with Mary and Joseph when they started home.
- They went back and found Jesus in the temple with the teachers.
- Jesus came to earth to do His Father's plan.

KEY PASSAGE: John 1:1

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Is Jesus God or a human? Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How did Jesus surprise the people at the temple? How did Jesus understand so much?
- What did Jesus mean when He said He had to be in His Father's house?
- What was God's plan for Jesus?
- How is Jesus part of God's plan for us?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

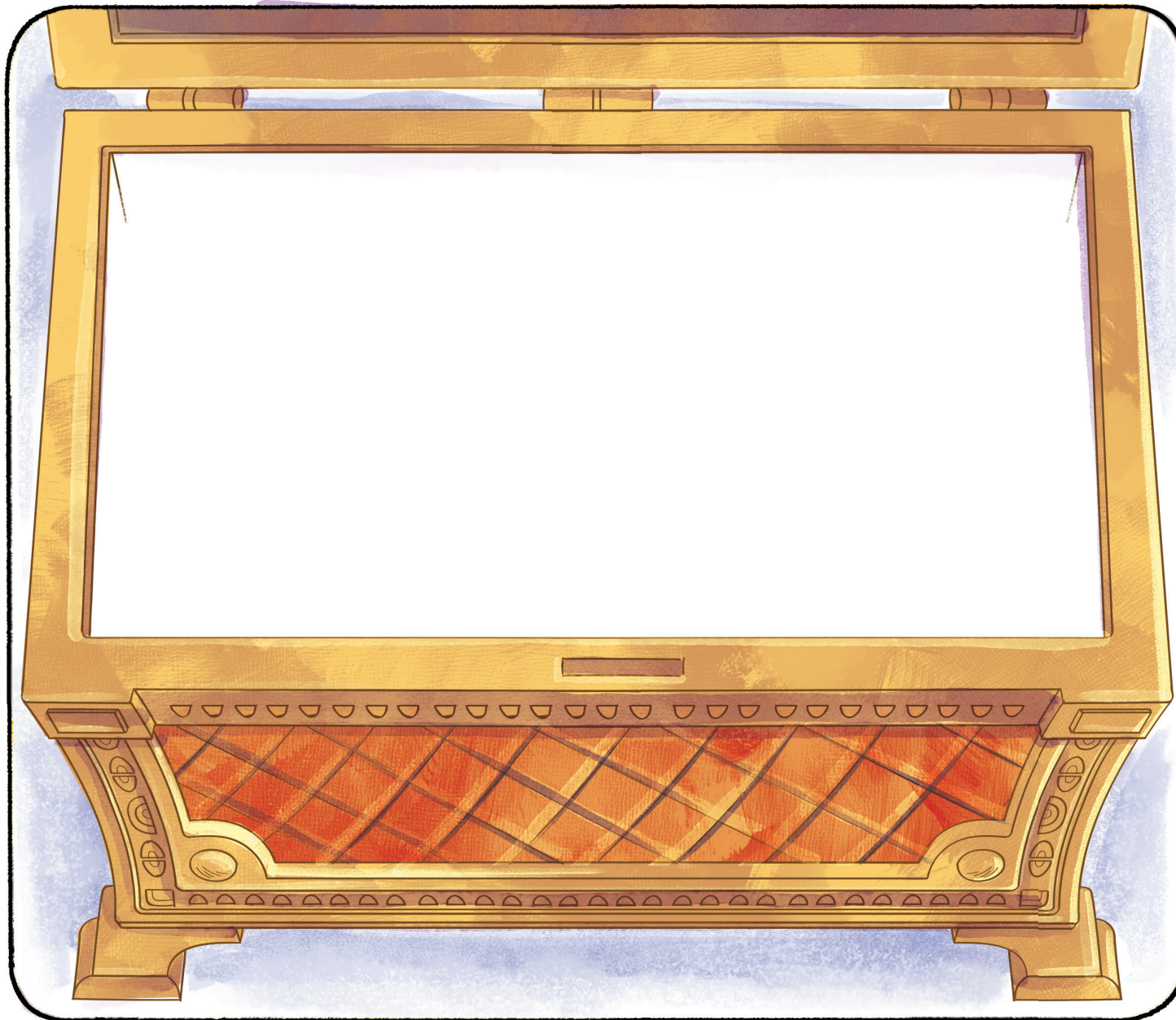
- Invite others in your neighborhood to join your family on a walk. Talk about how Joseph and Mary walked home with a group so large they didn't notice Jesus was missing.



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Giving Treasure

INSTRUCTIONS: Draw a picture of something you treasure.



Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 19 • Session 5
Jesus as a Child

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Wise men from the east visited Jesus and gave Him valuable gifts.
- Mary, Joseph, and Jesus traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover each year as Jesus grew up.
- One year, Mary and Joseph left Jerusalem without Jesus.
- Eventually, they found Jesus in the temple, talking about Scripture.
- Even as a child, Jesus wanted to do His Father's plan.

KEY PASSAGE: John 1:1-2

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why were Mary and Joseph confused by Jesus' answer about being in His Father's house?
- What was God's plan for Jesus?
- How can we be a part of doing God's plan, too?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Make a plan for what to do if you ever get separated from your kids. Discuss the plan with your kids and run "lost drill" with them.



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Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do you worship King Jesus?
- Jesus focused on pleasing the Father. What can you do that is pleasing to God?
- How do you think God feels when He looks at you?

Jesus as a Child

Matthew 2; Luke 2

STORY POINT: EVEN AS A CHILD, JESUS WANTED TO DO HIS FATHER'S PLAN.

After Jesus was born, wise men followed a star to Bethlehem to find the new king of the Jews. The wise men worshiped Jesus as King. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus went back to Nazareth. Jesus grew up in Nazareth.

Every year, Jesus' parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. When Jesus was 12 years old, Jesus and His family went to Jerusalem together. When it was time to go home, Mary and Joseph began traveling to Nazareth. They didn't notice that Jesus was not with them; they thought He was among the group of travelers. But Jesus had stayed behind.

Mary and Joseph had been walking for a whole day when they started to look for Jesus. They went back to Jerusalem. They searched everywhere for Jesus. Finally, they found Him at the temple. Jesus was listening to the teachers and asking them questions. Everyone who heard Jesus could hardly believe how much Jesus understood. When Jesus' parents saw Him, they were surprised. Mary said, "Son, why have You done this? Your father and I were worried. We've been looking everywhere for You."

"Why were you looking for Me?" Jesus asked. "Didn't you know that I had to be in My Father's house?" Then Jesus went back to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph. Jesus was always obedient to them. As Jesus grew up, He became even wiser. God was pleased with Him, and so was everyone who knew Him.

Christ Connection: God sent Jesus to earth with a purpose. Even as a child, Jesus wanted to honor God. God blessed Jesus as He got ready to follow His Father's plan: to die on the cross and rescue people from sin.



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List of Learning

List things you have learned how to do in each period of your life so far. Then list things you think you'll learn in the future.

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Lost and Found

Help Mary and Joseph find their way back to Jesus. Follow the path containing the words of today's Bible story point.

