



LESSONS FOR LAMBS

FIRST WEEK OF EPIPHANY

The color for the First Week of Epiphany is green.



boy	Jesus	temple	parents
Father	Jerusalem	Passover	twelve
feast	journey	teachers	understanding
mother	submissive	wisdom	Nazareth
obedient	Epiphany	Luke	baptism

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What to listen for during the service?

Listen for the word "submissive" in the Gospel reading. What does that word mean? Submissive means to be obedient. Listen to the story about Jesus. Was He submissive to His parents, did He obey them? Should we be submissive to our parents? Why? Did God give them to us to take care of us?

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:41–52

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

41 Now [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. 43 And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 44 but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, 45 and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." 49 And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. 51 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Why were Jesus' parents worried about Him? Where did Jesus' parents find Him after their search?
- 2) Why were they amazed at His understanding and answers? Was He like every other 12-year-old boy?
- 3) What did Jesus mean when He said He was in His Father's house? Where was He?
- 4) What did Jesus do when He got older to follow His Father's will and save people from their sins?

People of the Bible: Jesus

Jesus was born and was the son of Mary, and we celebrate His birth on Christmas. The Gospel reading today is the only time we hear about Jesus when He was growing up. The next time we hear about Jesus is when He gets baptized. This baptism marked the beginning of Jesus' official ministry. It says in Matthew that Jesus was baptized to "fulfill all righteousness." He was the promised Messiah from the Old Testament, and was God become Man to be the Savior for all who believe. This baptism laid on Jesus the sins of all people, which was the reason He came to us. After His baptism, Jesus then taught the people and performed miracles for approximately three years, in order to lead them to follow Him and believe. He would then be crucified to pay for the sins of all people and give eternal life to those who believe in Him. His ministry, death and resurrection (when He rose from the dead) are written about in the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). Because of all these things Jesus did, now your baptism unites you with Christ and He has come to save you. No matter what you are doing in life, you can remember your baptism and believe, knowing that you are safe in Jesus.

Draw a picture of 12-year old Jesus in the temple

