

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Luke 2:40-52

Session Summary

Being a day's distance (about twenty or so miles from Jerusalem), Jesus' parents had to journey back to Jerusalem in search for Jesus. Eventually, Joseph and Mary found Jesus in the temple with Israel's teachers. Luke notes that everyone in the presence of Jesus was amazed at His wisdom and understanding as He listened to the teachers and asked questions. Jesus seemed surprised that His parents would be searching for Him. His answer indicates that He thought it would be clear where He was—in His Father's house—attending to His father's business. At that point the narrative pictured Mary alone, treasuring and pondering all that happened around and in her (Luke 2:19). The last thing Luke notes in this section is that Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.

Conversation Questions

- How has our family made attending church a priority recently?
- In what ways do we value spending time in God's Word at home?
- Would we describe that we are growing closer to God or farther from Him? Why?
- What does it look like for us to be about God's business right now?

Family Challenge

Discuss as a family ways you can prioritize God's Word in your home on a regular basis. It can be as simple as picking out a Bible verse each week to memorize together, organizing a family devotion at the dinner table, or agreeing to get up at a certain time each day to hold each other accountable with having a quiet time.