

## GROWING AS A CHILD OF GOD

Luke 2:41-52

Key verse: 52

*Discussion question:*

- What are important aspects in growing in favor with God and man?

*Inductive study questions:*

1. How often did Jesus' parents celebrate the Passover in Jerusalem? (41-42) What does this show about this family? What is special about being twelve years old in the Jewish culture? When did Jesus' parents realise he was missing? (43-45) How must they have felt?
2. Where was he and what was he doing for the three days? (46) Why were his parents astonished? (47) How and why did his mother rebuke him? (48) How did the boy Jesus respond to his mother? (49-50) What does this answer mean? (Mt 6:9)
3. Describe Jesus' attitude to God's word (46-47). What does his attitude show about his inner desires? (See Dt 6:5) What does it show about him that he "had to be" in his Father's house? (KJV says "...about my Father's business....")
4. What does Jesus' obedience to his parents show about him? (51) What do you think Mary "treasured"? What can we learn here about Jesus' boyhood and youth? (52) How did Jesus manage his relationship with his parents and God?