

## **Jesus is Never Lost!**

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*Luke 2:41-43*

*41 Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival.*

*42 When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual.*

*43 After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss Him at first,*

*Luke 2:44-49*

*44 because they assumed He was among the other travelers. But when He didn't show up that evening, they started looking for Him among their relatives and friends.*

*45 When they couldn't find Him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for Him there.*

*46 Three days later they finally discovered Him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions.*

*47 All who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.*

*48 His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," His mother said to Him, "why have You done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for You everywhere."*

49 *“But why did you need to search?” He asked. “Didn’t you know that I must be in My Father’s house?”*

*Luke 2:50-52*

*50 But they didn’t understand what He meant.*

*51 Then He returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And His mother stored all these things in her heart.*

*52 Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.*

**What do we know about Jesus’ childhood?**

**Why did Jesus end up in Egypt?**

**Where did Joseph settle after coming back from Egypt? \*(See Matthew 2:14-15, 19-21, 23)**

**Why were Joseph, Mary and Jesus in Jerusalem?**

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**How do you think Joseph and Mary felt about not knowing where Jesus was?**

**What was Jesus doing all that time Joseph and Mary were looking for Him?**

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**What can we learn from this passage of scripture?  
What does God want us to know?**

**1. Jesus is never lost. (John 1:1-4)**

**Jesus directs those who are lost.** \*(See also Prov. 3:5-6)

*John 8:12*

*Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the Light of the world. If you follow Me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the Light that leads to life."*

## **2. Jesus is always about His Fathers business.**

*Luke 2:49*

*"But why did you need to search?" He asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in My Father's house?"*

**What is His Father's business?** \*(See also John 6:38, John 8:29, John 4:34, John 5:17, John 9:4)

*Luke 19:10*

*For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."*

## **3. Jesus never loses those that are His.**

*John 6:39*

*And this is the will of God, that I should not lose even one of all those He has given Me, but that I should raise them up at the last day.*

*John 10:28*

*I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from Me,*

*1 John 5:12-13*

*12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life.*

*13 I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.*

*John 5:24*

*"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.*

*Ephesians 1:13-14*

*13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,*

*14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*

**Do you have a “know so” salvation?**

**Who is directing the decisions in your life?**

**Is Jesus allowed to work His Father’s business in your life? \*(See *Psalm 127:1*)**