

## Children & Church

### Description

Luke 2:41-52 [RG AUDIO 010713](#)

Most parents can identify with Mary and Joseph. A child getting lost strikes fear deep into your heart. It took them three solid days of looking everywhere only to find Jesus in the Temple. Mary provides a bit of a reprimand and Jesus responds to this in wonder—“Why didn’t you know I would be here?”

We so often underestimate our children. At times they amaze us with what they know and understand. They surprise us with their faith, even while they are exercising their independence and particular personalities. Jesus knows who he is and he longs to be in the sanctuary of his Father with people who reverence and respect the Word.

Jesus returns home in a spirit of obedience; he honors his parents. The witness presented is that he grew intellectually (“wisdom”), physically (“stature”), and socially/emotionally (“in favor”). In this little picture of his youth, we see the humanity of Christ, yielding both to parents and his human limitations.

This gives me hope for our children. They do have their personalities and preferences, but they are developing every day.

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