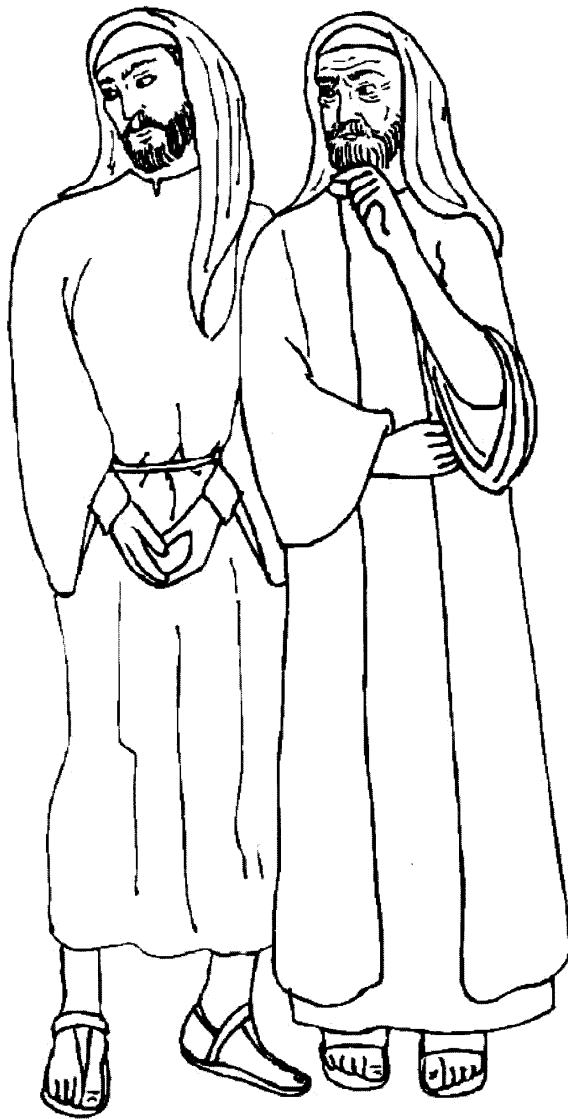


Everyone who heard the boy Jesus in the temple was surprised at how much he knew and at the answers he gave.



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## The First Sunday after Christmas 29 December, 2024

**Luke 2:49**

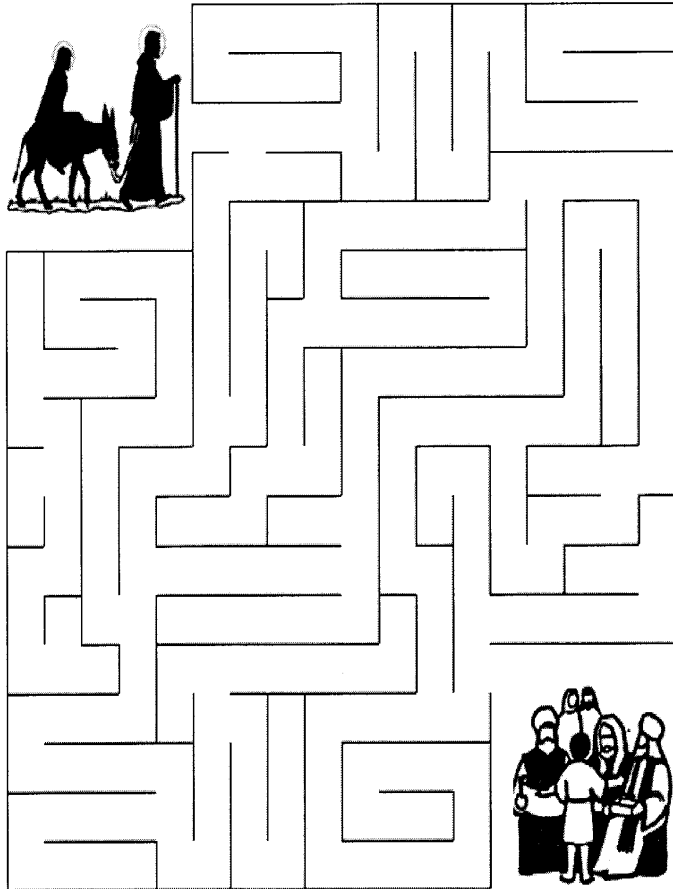
"Why were you searching for me?"  
Jesus asked. "Didn't you know I  
had to be in my Father's house?"

Heavenly Father, thank you for the  
gift of your Son. Help us to keep  
him at the centre of our lives and  
may we never leave him behind.

**Amen**

# Mary and Joseph Search for Jesus

Can you help Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple?



When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.  
Luke 2:45-46

## Crossword: Luke 2:41-52 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.  
Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

20 Across) Every year Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_  
7 Across) went to \_\_\_\_\_ for Passover.

17 Across) And when Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ years old,

19 Across) they all went there as usual for the \_\_\_\_\_.

12 Down) After \_\_\_\_\_ his parents left, but they did not know

9 Down) that \_\_\_\_\_ had stayed on in the city.

3 Down) They thought he was traveling with some other \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Across) and they went a whole day before they started \_\_\_\_\_ for him.

6 Down) When they could not find him with their \_\_\_\_\_ and friends,

21 Down) they went back to Jerusalem and \_\_\_\_\_ looking for him there.

26 Across) Three days later they found Jesus sitting in the \_\_\_\_\_,

18 Across) listening to the \_\_\_\_\_ and asking them questions.

8 Down) Everyone who heard him was \_\_\_\_\_ at how much he knew

15 Across) and at the \_\_\_\_\_ he gave.

11 Down) When his parents found him, they were \_\_\_\_\_.

5 Across) His \_\_\_\_\_ said, "Son, why have you done this to us?"

4 Across) Your father and I have been very \_\_\_\_\_.

10 Down) and we have been \_\_\_\_\_ for you!"

1 Down) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_, "Why did you have to look for me?"

24 Down) Didn't you know that I would be in my Father's \_\_\_\_\_?"

16 Down) But they did not \_\_\_\_\_ what he meant.

14 Down) Jesus went back to \_\_\_\_\_

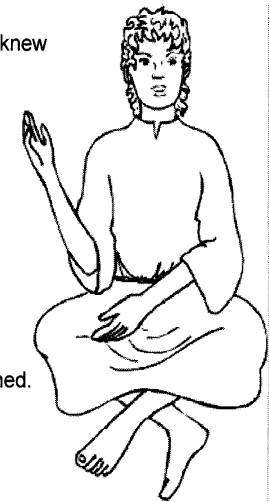
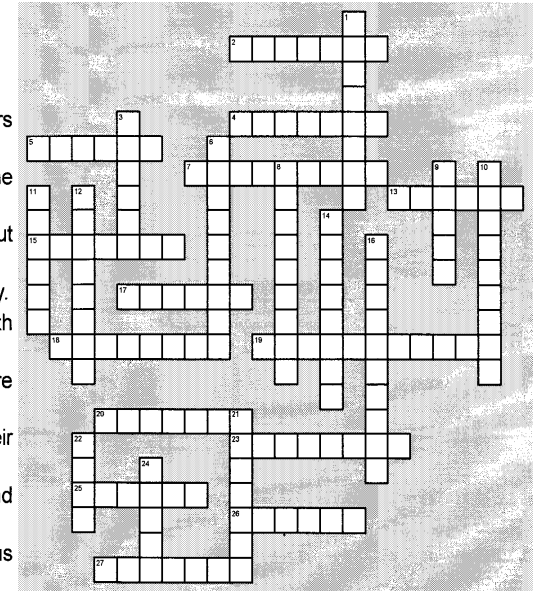
13 Across) with his parents and \_\_\_\_\_ them.

23 Across) His mother kept on \_\_\_\_\_ about all that had happened.

22 Down) Jesus became \_\_\_\_\_,

25 Across) and he grew \_\_\_\_\_.

27 Across) God was \_\_\_\_\_ with him and so were the people.



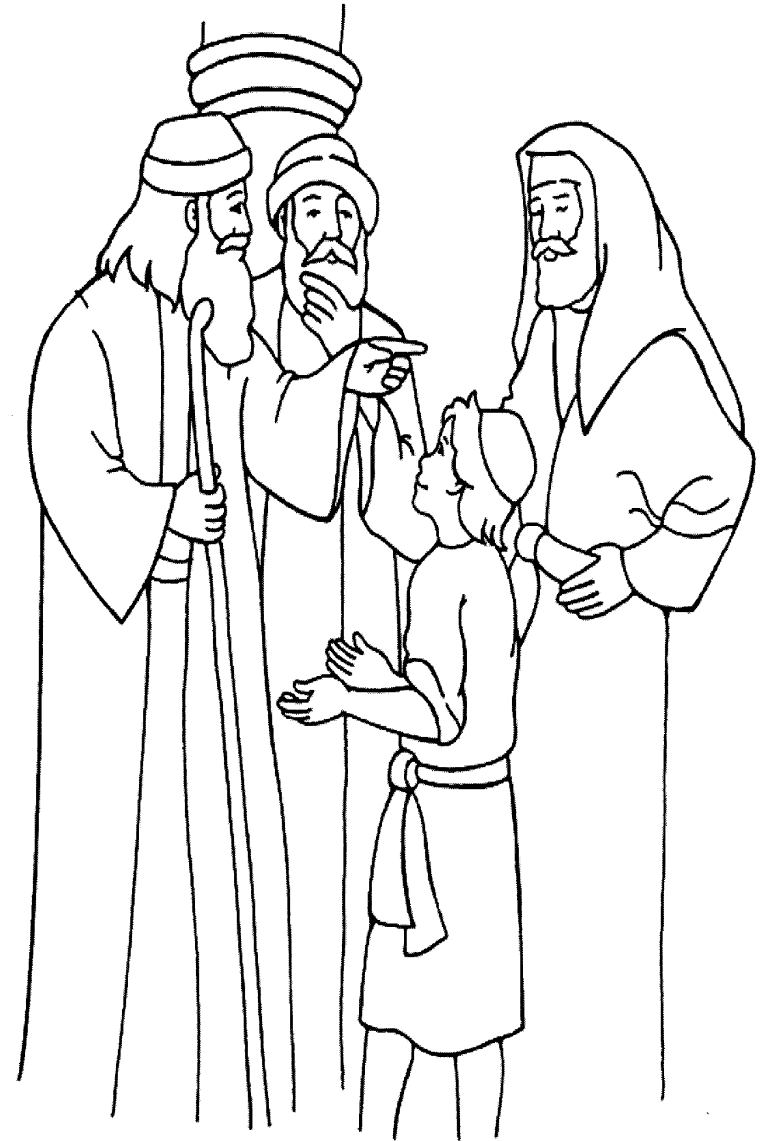


# WordSearch: Luke 2:41-52



PARENTS  
 TWELVE  
 PASSOVER  
 PEOPLE  
 RELATIVES  
 TEMPLE  
 SURPRISED  
 AMAZED  
 WORRIED  
 ANSWERED  
 UNDERSTAND  
 OBEYED  
 WISE  
 PLEASED

JERUSALEM  
 CELEBRATION  
 JESUS  
 LOOKING  
 STARTED  
 TEACHERS  
 ANSWERS  
 MOTHER  
 SEARCHING  
 HOUSE  
 NAZARETH  
 THINKING  
 STRONG



After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him, they were astonished.

Luke 2: 46-48a



# THE BOY JESUS VISITS THE TEMPLE

LUKE 2:39-52



“And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.”

LUKE 2:46-47

WHAT QUESTIONS MIGHT JESUS HAVE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT HIMSELF AS HE HEARD THE TEACHERS?



**PHILIPPIANS 2 v. 5~8**  
 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!

WHAT MUST THIS HAVE FELT LIKE FOR JESUS?

## INCARNATION

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN?** Being embodied in flesh, or God becoming human as Jesus.

**WHY DID GOD BECOME HUMAN?**  
 So he could share our humanity and we could see what God is like in human terms.

**DID JESUS REALISE WHO HE WAS?**  
 When he was 12 years old he spent a long time listening and asking questions at the temple. Gradually he was understanding where he fitted into God's plan. He probably went on understanding more about it all his life, right up to the crucifixion and resurrection.

WELL WORTH LEARNING BY HEART !!!

AN HONOUR    EXCITING

## INCARNATION

AT BETHLEHEM!

LONELY    CRAZY    DIFFICULT    HUMBLING

