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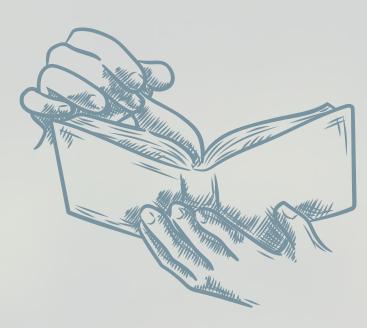
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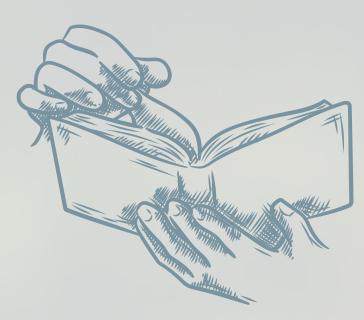
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The Return to Nazareth

39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.



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The Boy Jesus in the Temple

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. 43 And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it,



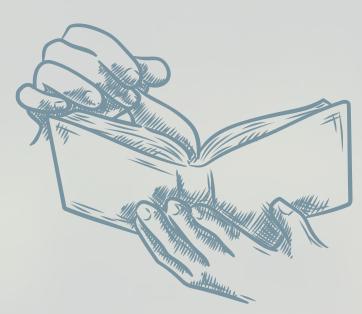
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44 but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, 45 and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.



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47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." 49 And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"



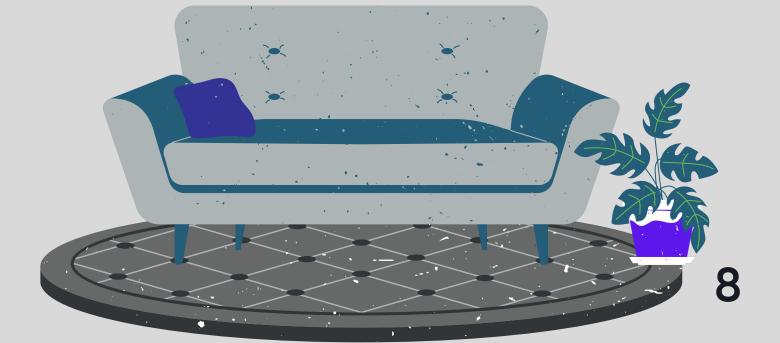
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50 And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. 51 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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What was the reason why Jesus' parents travelled to Jerusalem?



From verse 43-46, the author narrated how the boy Jesus stayed behind after the celebration without his parent's knowledge. It took three days before he was found. Where was he seen and what was he doing?



When the boy Jesus was finally seen, his mother said to him "Why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." (v.48) How did Jesus respond?



In verses 41-42, the author narrated that every year Jesus' parents would travel to Jerusalem for a festival. It was further revealed that it was only during the year when Jesus was finally 12 years of age did his parents allow him to join. What do you think was the reason for this?



In verse 49, what did Jesus mean with what he responded to his mother?



Upon reading the passage, it seems as if the author just wrote a narrative about one of the significant events of Jesus' pre-adolescent years. What else can we extract from this passage? What is the author trying to impart to his readers?



Jesus modeled obedience to God the father, and consequently, to his parents. How can we follow Jesus' example? Have you been in a similar situation to that of Jesus and his parents? (see v. 44 - 49) How did you deal with the situation and what can you learn from this?



How do the lives of other Christians affect your pursuit of holiness? If you are not encouraged by what you see, what do you do about it?



How can you likewise encourage your family to model Christ's obedience and his Character?



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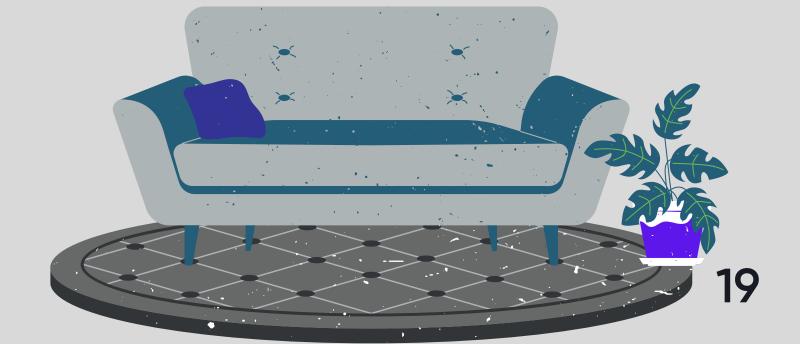
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