When Jesus Was Twelve

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Luke 2:41 - 52
When Jesus was twelve years old he went with Joseph and Mary to the temple at Jerusalem, to celebrate the feast of the Passover.
It was a special time to thank God.
Jesus walked along
with his family and friends.
Jesus loved going to the temple.
Afterwards, everyone walked home together. The next day, Joseph and Mary couldn’t find Jesus. They hurried back to look for him.
Jesus had gone back to the temple, by himself, to hear the wise men and teachers, reading God’s words.
Jesus talked to the teachers. They were surprised how much he knew about God. They didn't know Jesus was the Son of God.
At last Mary and Joseph found him in the temple.

“We thought you were lost, “ Mary said. “I am here in my Father’s house,” Jesus told her.
Jesus went straight home with them. Mary never forgot how much Jesus loved God’s word, even when he was a boy.