

Toddling Through God's Word: Jesus was a Child

"Jesus Grew" to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb":
Jesus grew like me and you. Me and you. Me and you.
Jesus grew like me and you. He obeyed His parents too.

Activity 1: Jesus Grew (Luke 2:52)

You Need:

- Jesus Grew printable
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors
- Glue

Say: "Jesus was a child. He grew taller. Jesus learned about God and obeyed God."

1. Print the Jesus Grew printable attached at the end of this PDF.
2. Let your child color the picture of Jesus.
3. Help your child cut out Jesus and the strip of paper to fold.
4. Assist your child in folding the strip of paper and gluing Jesus together.
5. Pretend with your child that Jesus is growing up with your craft!



Activity 2: Where is Jesus (Luke 3:41-44)

You Need:

- Jesus Grew craft from the first activity



Say: "Mary and Joseph were Jesus' parents. Jesus and his parents traveled a long way to a place called Jerusalem. Then it was time to go back home. As Mary and Joseph were traveling back home, they could not find Jesus! Where was Jesus?"

1. Take turns with your child hiding and seeking the Jesus Grew craft from the first activity.

Activity 3: Jesus and the Teachers (Luke 3:45-47)

No materials needed.

Say: "Mary and Joseph found Jesus talking to teachers about God. Jesus and listened and asked the teachers questions."

1. Ask your child the following questions:
 - a. Did Jesus grow like you are growing?
(Yes)
 - b. Did Jesus obey His parents? (Yes)
 - c. Is Jesus God's son? (Yes)
2. Let your child ask questions and you answer.
3. Remind your child that Jesus was asking questions and listening to teachers.

Activity 4: Jesus in the Temple (Luke 3:48-49)

You Need:

- Temple printable
- Construction paper
- Crayons or markers
- Glue
- Scissors

Say: "Mary, Joseph, Jesus, and the teachers were in a temple. A temple is like a church. The church is God's house."

1. Print the Temple printable at the end of this PDF.
2. Let your child color the temple and picture of Jesus.
3. Assist your child in cutting out the temple and Jesus. Cut the doors on the dotted lines.
4. Help your child glue the temple (except for the doors) on the construction paper. Also glue the picture of Jesus inside the temple doors.
5. Pretend to open and close the doors with your child and find Jesus. Remind your child that the church is God's house.



Activity 5: Jesus Obeyed His Parents

No materials needed.

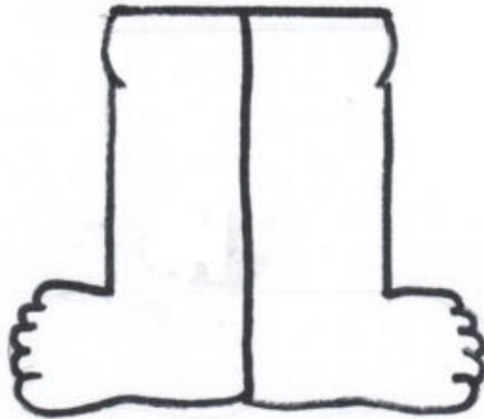
Say: "Jesus obeyed His parents."

1. Play "Mother May I" with your child. Your child will stand on one side of a room. You will give your child a command. Your child must remember to say "Mother May I" before following the command. When your child gets to the other side of the room, he or she has won!
2. Let your child play the mother role.

Teaching Tip: If your child is too young to say "Mother May I" or does not understand that part of the game, leave it out! Just say silly things for your child to do. For example: Rub your belly! Stick out your tongue!

Then switch and let your child be the boss! 😊

Jesus Grew Printable



Temple Printable

