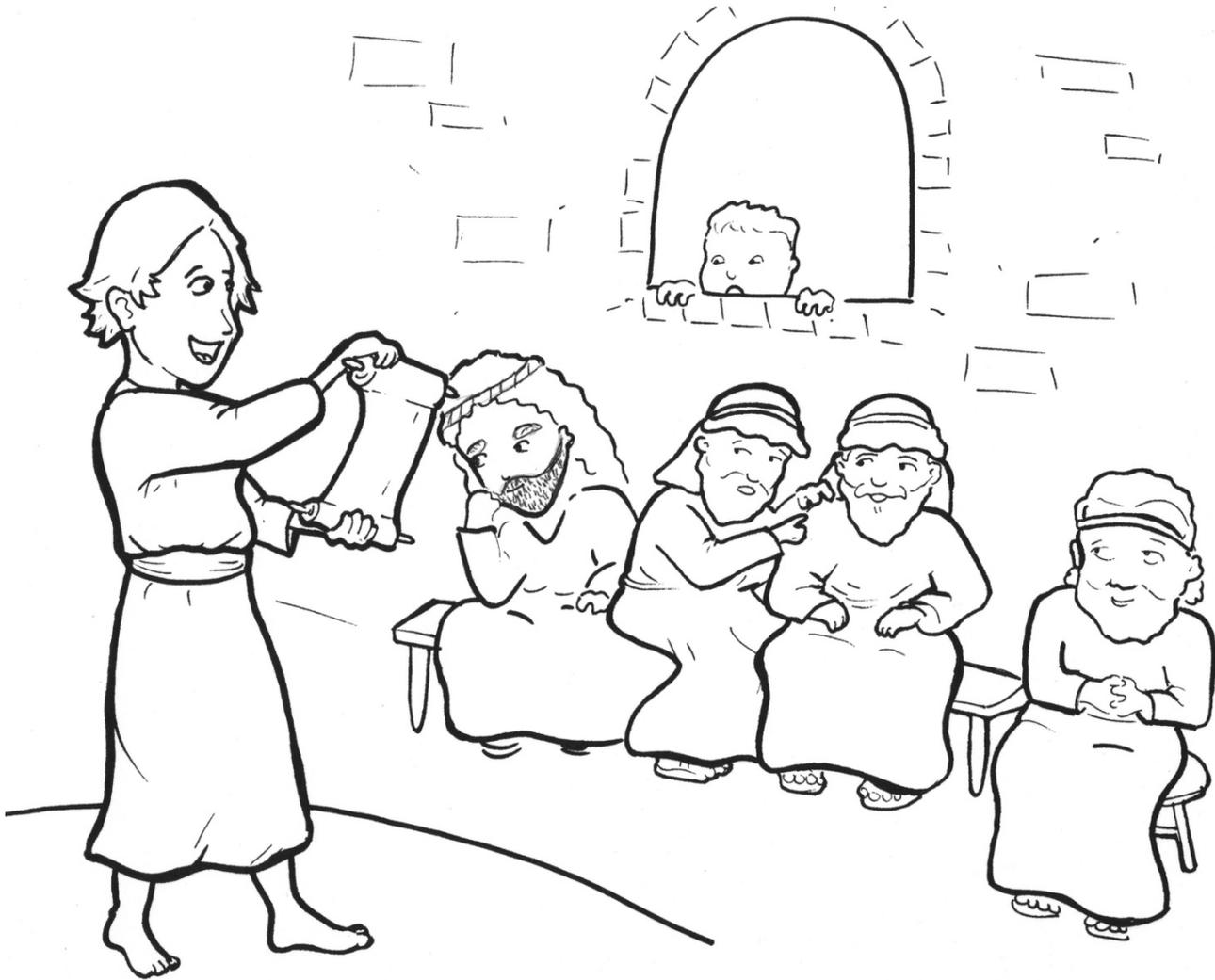


# 7. Jesus Gets Lost!

Luke 2



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Luke 2:49

## Jesus Gets Lost!

Each year, Mary and Joseph went to Jerusalem to worship God. When Jesus was 12 years old, he got to go along! What a big city for a small boy. It was crowded with people from many lands.

A few days later, his family packed wagons and camels to go home. They traveled for a day.

“Where is Jesus?” Mary asked Joseph.

Joseph said, “Is he not with you?” Jesus was missing!

They returned to the city. They looked everywhere for Jesus. Finally, they found him.

Jesus was in the temple, the house of God. He was teaching the teachers. These old, wise men were amazed. How did this young boy know all about God? How did he know the Scriptures so well?

“Son,” Mary said. “We have been looking for you for three days!”

“Why?” Jesus said. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” They did not understand. Jesus went home with his mother and father to Nazareth. He obeyed them.

## Questions

1. Where was Jesus when his parents missed him?
2. Why did Jesus feel that he had to be in the temple?
3. Do you have a burning wish to be in God's house? Where is God's house for you?
4. How can you get to church each week?

### Pray this Prayer:

Dear Jesus,  
I have to be in your house. I want to go to church.  
Please help me to grow up in the house of God.  
Help my family and I to be there each week.  
Amen

There are 12 feet and 12 months in a year. Color in one toe for each Sunday that you get to church.

