



JESUS IS MISSING!

Lesson 6

BIG IDEA

Jesus wanted to be in his Father God's house doing the Father's business. We should be doing the His business in our daily lives, too.

KEY VERSES

Luke 2:41-52

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 2:49

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

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE LESSON: INTERACTIVE SKIT

- Bible
- Child volunteers to play Joseph, Mary, Jesus, two priests, 4-6 traveling friends
- Scroll (large sheet of paper rolled up from 2 ends)

GAME

- No materials or preparation required

CRAFT

- Experience Mission provides scissors, hole punch, stapler, staples, rulers
- Tan felt strips cut 4.5 x 12 inches (or brown grocery bag) - one per child
- Craft sticks (the kind with notches in them) - two per child
- Scripture memory verse (John 3:16) printed on paper about 4 x 6 inches - one per child
- Ribbon 12 inches - one per child
- Glue

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)
- Photocopies of Word Search (domestic communities only)





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BIBLE LESSON • INTERACTIVE SKIT

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Ask for 9 - 11 volunteers from the kids. They will play the parts of:

- Joseph
- Mary
- 4-6 "traveling friends"
- Jesus
- 2 priests

Arrange the two priests on the far right holding the scroll. Arrange Joseph, Mary, Jesus and the travelers on the left. Read the following scripture skit allowing adequate time for kids to act out the story.

"Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom."

Joseph, Mary, Jesus and travelers, begin your journey to Jerusalem and gather around the priests.

Priests, open your scrolls and teach the people.

Travelers, praise the Lord and pray.

"After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home..."

Joseph, Mary and travelers, begin the long journey home.

Jesus, stay with the priests and look at the scripture scroll with them.

"...the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends."

Joseph and Mary, you are worried now. Ask all your traveling companions if they have seen Jesus?

None of the other travelers know where he is.

"When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him."

Joseph and Mary, begin the long journey back to Jerusalem.

"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."

Joseph and Mary, you are surprised and relieved to have found your son. But you are also troubled and tell him so.

"His mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.' "



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BIBLE LESSON • INTERACTIVE SKIT (CONT.)

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Jesus, you are happy here with the priests reading the scriptures.

“ ‘Why were you searching for me?’ Jesus asked. ‘Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?’ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.”

Joseph and Mary shrug your shoulder and look puzzled.

“Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them.”

Joseph, Mary and Jesus, begin your long journey back home.

“But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.”

Great job actors. Take a bow and have a seat. (Clap for them)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How old was Jesus when this story takes place?
2. Why were they traveling to Jerusalem?
3. When Joseph and Mary left Jerusalem did they know Jesus wasn't with them?
4. Where did they find Jesus?
5. What was he doing?
6. Joseph and Mary asked him, “Why have you treated us like this?”
What did Jesus answer?
7. How can you show others that you are doing the Father God's business?

SIMPLIFIED LESSON OPTIONS

- Tell the account of Jesus in the Temple in simple story form or read from a children's bible.
- Ask 3-4 of the simpler discussion questions.



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CRAFT & GAME

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• CRAFT •

OBJECTIVE: SCRIPTURE SCROLLS

Make a scroll similar to what the scriptures were written on in ancient times.

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, rulers, hole punches

DIRECTIONS

- Glue the short ends of the felt/paper to the craft sticks
- Glue the memory verse onto the center of the felt
- Roll up both ends like a scroll
- Secure with ribbon

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Tan felt strips cut 4.5 x 12 inches (or brown grocery bag), one per child
- Craft sticks (the kind with notches in them), two per child
- Glue
- Scripture memory verse (John 3:16) printed on paper about 4 x 6 inches in size, one per child
- Ribbon, 12 inches long, one per child

EXAMPLE



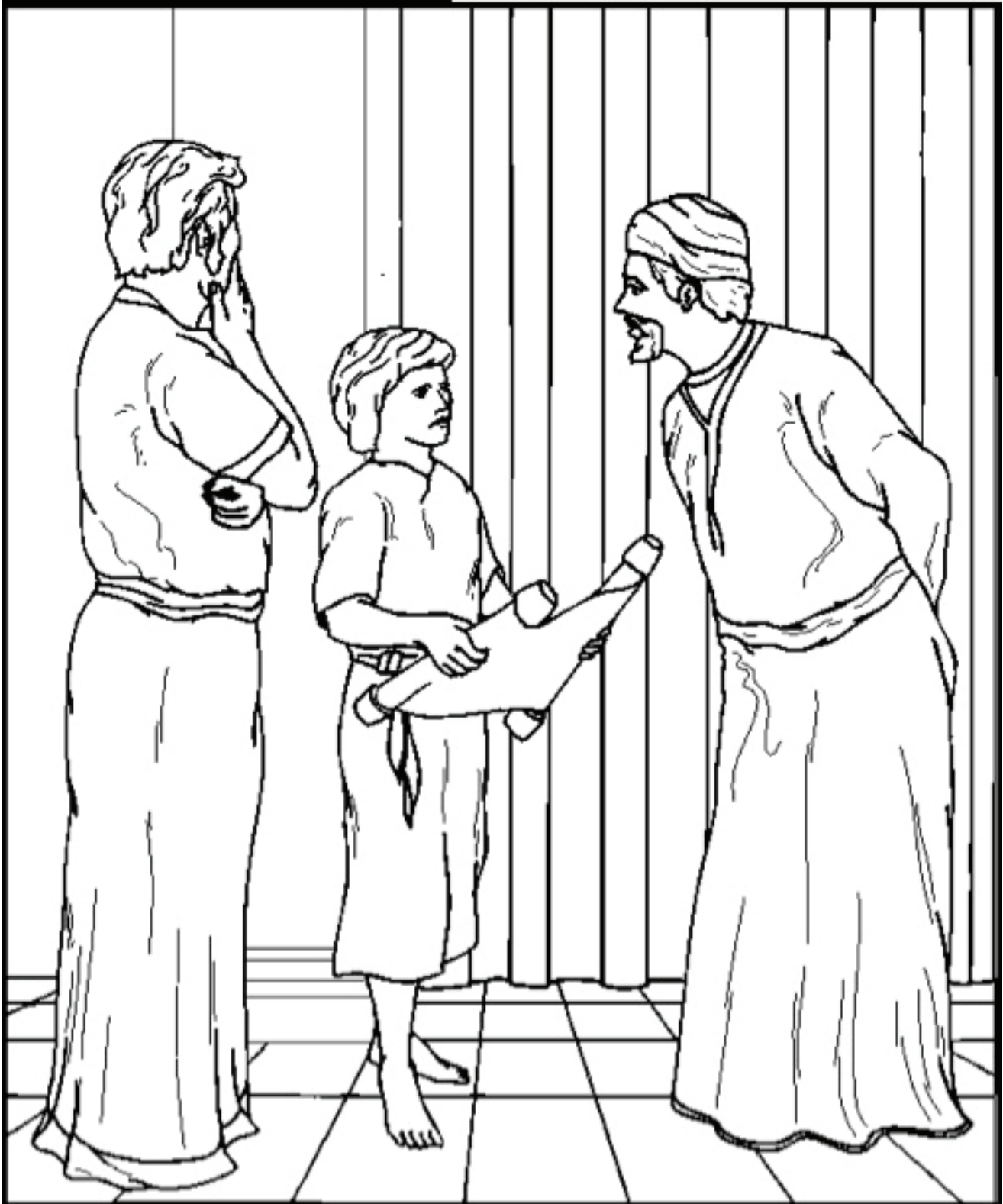
• GAME •

OBJECTIVE: COPY CAT

The guesser needs to figure out who is leading the group in various motions.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Arrange kids in a circle, and choose 1 person to leave the game area for a minute, this person will be the guesser
- While the guesser is gone, the group chooses someone in the circle to be the leader
- Ask the guesser to come back to the middle of the circle
- Everyone swings arms at first
- The leader begins other movements and everyone in the circle copies the leader without being too obvious (ie. clapping, kicking motion, jumping, singing, patting head, dance move, etc.)
- The guesser tries to figure out who the leader is
- Play several rounds





WORD SEARCH

X	X	J	R	Q	D	C	S	I	N	C	R	E	A	S	E	D	A
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twelve	journey	midst	Nazareth
Jerusalem	turned	astonished	subject
custom	seeking	wisdom	increased
tarried	temple	sought	stature
Joseph	sitting	business	favour