

# LESSON 4



<sup>41</sup>Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the *Passover* festival. <sup>42</sup>When Jesus was twelve years old, they went to the feast like they always did. <sup>43</sup>When the feast days were finished, they went home. But Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. His parents did not know about it. <sup>44</sup>They traveled for a whole day thinking that Jesus was with them in the group. They began to look for him among their family and close friends. <sup>45</sup>But they did not find him in the group. So they went back to Jerusalem to look for him there.

<sup>46</sup>After three days they found him. Jesus was sitting in the *Temple* area with the religious teachers, listening and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>Everyone heard him. They were amazed at his understanding and wise answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him, they were amazed. His mother said to him, "Son, why did you do this to us? Your father and I were very worried about you. We have been looking for you."

<sup>49</sup>Jesus said to them, "Why did you have to look for me? You should have known that I must be where my Father's work is." <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand the meaning of what he said to them.

<sup>51</sup>Jesus went with them to Nazareth. He obeyed everything his parents said. His mother was still thinking about all these things. <sup>52</sup>As Jesus grew taller, he continued to grow in wisdom. He pleased God, and everyone liked him.

## NEW WORDS?

feast	amazed
wise	obeyed

## LET'S PRACTICE!

How old was Jesus at this time?

Jesus went to \_\_\_\_\_ (city) for the \_\_\_\_\_ feast with his parents. When the feast days were finished, Jesus' parents went \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ stayed in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Joseph and Mary traveled a whole day and then began to look for Jesus. They went back to \_\_\_\_\_ and found Jesus in the \_\_\_\_\_ with the religious \_\_\_\_\_. He was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them questions. The religious teachers were very wise men. Usually they were old, and they had always studied the law of the Jews for many years. Although Jesus was only \_\_\_\_\_ years old, Luke says that they were \_\_\_\_\_ at his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ answers.

Luke tells four things about the boy Jesus (verse 52). What are they?