

Date – April 18, 2021

Scripture/Bible Story/Theme

Jesus in the Temple as a young boy -Luke 2:41-52

Children's Illustrated Bible p. 200-201

We belong to a community of believers with Jesus

Workshop Name

Fabric Squares

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord,

May we all continue to grow wise and be strong. May we please both God and the people God has given us. Thank you for the lessons so that we might learn more about your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

Objectives

1. Locate the story in the Bible
2. Identify the book of Luke as a New Testament Gospel
3. Tell the story of Jesus in the temple as a young boy
4. Explore the ways this story shows us that Jesus is human as well as divine
5. Identify Jesus' priority to learn in the house of God and relate our need to do likewise
6. Realize that participation in a community of faith helps us to learn our identity as a child of God.

Supplies – In your supply bag you will have multiple pieces of white material. You will also have at least one colorful Sharpie. You can cut the fabric piece into smaller pieces if you would like or you can use it as the size that it is.

Activity

For Discussion:

Do you think Jesus was disobedient to his parents?

Do you think Jesus was disobedient to God?

What do you think the main lesson we should learn from this story is?

In what ways is the story of His parent's search for Jesus like our search for Jesus?

Before beginning the activity brainstorm together and come up with a list of things that Jesus would have done while visiting the temple. Try to remember from what you just read in the Bible that he talked, listened and answered questions with the wise men and teachers in the Temple.

The basic idea here is to have the children draw a symbol or picture representing one of the activities that Jesus did as a young boy while he was in the Temple.

Possibilities could include:

Fish, crosses, hands in prayer, a Bible, marble columns, a young boy such as Jesus would have been at age 12, dove, lamb, candles

*****Note – if by any chance we come back together soon after this activity maybe we can post all the fabric pieces together as if they made up a banner.

Reflection/Evaluation

Note – Of course being together is questionable and whether or not the kids would be inviting their friends to go to church with them at this time is unknown. Therefore, the questions for discussion below might be more “in theory” than in actual practice.

Pretend you are Jesus, what would Jesus tell you on Sunday morning to get you motivated to get to St. Mark’s and be an obedient learner like he had been?

What could you tell your friends about Jesus?

What would you say to a friend to invite them to church with you?

Lord’s Prayer

