

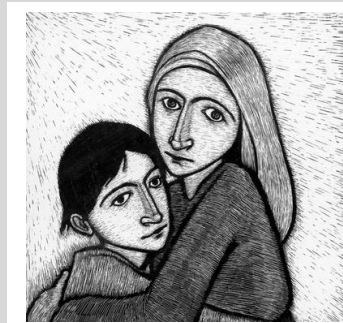
1 Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. When Jesus was twelve years old, they went to the festival as usual. When the festival was over, they started back home, but the boy Jesus stayed in Jerusalem.

His parents did not know this; they thought that he was with the group, so they travelled a whole day and then started looking for him among their relatives and friends. They did not find him, so they went back to Jerusalem looking for him. On the third day they found him in the Temple, sitting with the Jewish teachers, listening to them and asking questions. All who heard him were amazed at his intelligent answers.

His parents were astonished when they saw him, and his mother said to him, "My son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been terribly worried trying to find you."

He answered them, "Why did you have to look for me? Didn't you know that I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand his answer. So Jesus went back with them to Nazareth, where he was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

Jesus grew both in body and in wisdom, gaining favour with God and people. Luke 2:14-52



2 Why do you think the problem of 'losing' Jesus took place? Why did it take his parents so long to realize that he was missing?

Did Jesus' parents understand him fully? How did Jesus react to this?

As Jesus grew up, his life was like most of us who live in families. He lived quietly in a simple home,

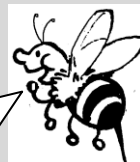
- learning to pray and read the scriptures;
- playing in the countryside with his friends;
- helping Joseph in his carpentry work;
- going with his parents to the synagogue on the Sabbath to listen to God's Word...



A Jewish boy prepares for his Bar Mitzvah
A Bar Mitzvah ceremony is a Jewish rite of 'growing up' for a 13-year-old boy. The ceremony takes place in the synagogue and shows that the boy is ready to accept and follow the commandments. After this important moment, family and friends gather for a celebration.

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HEY GUYS! HERE ARE SOME 'BEES' ON HOW TO BUZZ:



- **BEE HONEST!**
-Speak the truth, but lovingly.
- **BEE SPECIFIC!**
-Talk about the problem.
-Don't exaggerate.
- **BEE OPEN!**
-Listen to the other's views, and to what he/she is feeling.
-Be ready to admit you are wrong... if you are!
- **BEE GENTLE!**
Say, "I felt upset when you..."
NOT "You always do this..."
- **BEE POSITIVE!**
- See the good in the other.
-The aim is to find an answer to the problem, not to show that you are right!