

**Living with  
Jesus  
First Church of  
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Monday Night  
Bible Study •  
January 9, 2017**

**Twelve-Year Old  
Jesus  
Luke 2:41–52**

# **I. Welcome, Introductions and Prayer**

**Teaser: Did you ever get lost as a kid? What was that experience like? How did you “get found?”**

# **II. Overview of Living with Jesus**

- **What would it have been like to “hang out” with Jesus? What were the things that were important to him?**
- **Fly-over of Jesus’ life and teachings**

# **III. Things to Keep in Mind for Tonight**

**a. Jesus is 12. In Jewish terms, that's the year before becoming an adult.**

**Thirteen was a big deal in Roman and Jewish society.**

**b. Family. Jesus' dad is Joseph, a**

**carpenter.**

**Jesus' mom is Mary, probably with other small children. (See Mark 6:3).**

**c. Passover. Next to Yom Kippur (in the fall), the Passover is the biggest deal for Jews.**

**Remembers the story of God**

**rescuing God's  
people from  
Egypt. (You can  
read the story in  
Exodus 7–15.) In  
Jesus' time,  
every family  
would bring (or  
buy) a lamb for  
sacrifice, then  
eat the lamb  
together at the  
Passover meal,**

**the highpoint of  
the festival.**

**d. Travel. The trip  
from Nazareth to  
Jerusalem was  
roughly three  
days. Everyone  
who was going  
from the village  
would travel  
together.**

**e. Size of the  
Temple  
complex. Think**

# **Gillette Stadium plus parking lots.**

## **IV. A Few Notes**

- **amazed —  
Greek indicates  
amazed or  
confused.**
- **understanding  
— Greek  
*synesis*. The  
English word,  
*synthesis*,**



**comes from this  
root.**

**Understanding is  
how we put  
things together.**

- **astonished —**

***Astonished***

**comes from an  
Old English word  
that indicates  
you get hit in the  
head with a  
stone. Imagine  
the look on your**

**face in that  
moment (don't  
worry about the  
pain...that  
comes later 😊**

- **distress — The Greek word indicates that he has caused them painful anxiety.**
- **obedient — lit. *to stand under*; submit or obey**

**the authority of another.**

- **stature — not just physical stature, but character**
- **favor — related to the word for grace.**

# **Questions to Guide Discussion**

**a. What do we learn about Jesus' character traits from this passage? What kind of person was he?**

**b. According to this, what does Jesus know about His**

**relationship with  
God?**

**c. Do you identify  
more with Jesus  
or his parents  
tonight? Why do  
you think?**

**d. Are you looking  
for Jesus? Is  
Jesus speaking  
to you tonight?**

**e. Is it hard to  
balance the  
different areas**

**of our lives?  
What is Jesus'  
solution here?**

**V. Conclusions  
We can always  
find Jesus if we  
look hard  
enough.  
The way Jesus  
understands is  
mind-blowing!  
Growing in a  
balanced way is**

**the way to great  
health and  
maturity.**

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**Schedule for  
“Living with  
Jesus” Bible  
Study**

**Date Topic  
Scripture**

**1/9 Jesus in the  
Temple at age 12**

**Luke 2:41–2:52**

**1/16 Jesus  
is baptized**

**Matthew 3:13–  
4:1**

**1/23 Jesus  
chooses disciples**

**Luke 5:1–11**

**1/30 Jesus feeds  
5,000 Mark 6:30–  
44**



**2/6**

**Communion:  
Peter's Confession  
Matthew 16:13–  
28**