



Lesson 6 – As a Child

Based on Luke 2:39, 40, 41-51

The childhood and youth of Jesus were spent in a little mountain village. There was no place on earth that would not have been honored by His presence. The palaces of kings would have been privileged in receiving Him as a guest. But He passed by the homes of wealth, the courts of royalty, and the renowned seats of learning, to make His home in obscure and despised Nazareth.

- 1) How did Luke describe Jesus' upbringing?

Luke 2:40 And the child grew, and _____ strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

- 2) What else did Luke tell us about him?

Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in _____ and stature, and in favour with _____ and man.

As a child, Jesus manifested a peculiar loveliness of disposition. His willing hands were ever ready to serve others. He manifested a patience that nothing could disturb, and a truthfulness that would never sacrifice integrity. In principle firm as a rock, His life revealed the grace of unselfish courtesy.

Fathers and mothers were to instruct their children that the law of God is an expression of His character, and that as they received the principles of the law into the heart, the image of God was traced on mind and soul.

- 3) According to Paul, how far away from us is God?

Acts 17:27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not _____ from every one of us:

As in our day, the experience which is obtained through a personal acceptance of God's word had no place in the educational system. Absorbed in the round of externals, the students found no quiet hours to spend with God. They did not hear His voice speaking to the heart. Therefore, Jesus' first teacher was his mother.

From her lips and from the scrolls of the prophets, He learned of heavenly things. The very words which He Himself had spoken to Moses for Israel He was now taught at His mother's knee.

- 4) The Jewish people question Jesus, what did they say?

John 7:15-16 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How _____ this man letters, having never learned? Jesus answered them, and said, My _____ is not mine, but his that sent me.

- 5) What advice did He give them?

John 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall _____ of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

God was His teacher. God is YOUR teacher as well.



Since He gained knowledge as we may do, His intimate acquaintance with the Scriptures shows how diligently His early years were given to the study of God's word. And spread out before Him was the great library of God's created works.

From His earliest years He was possessed of one purpose; He lived to bless others.

6) What did Nathaniel ask about Nazereth?

John 1:46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any _____ thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

There was never a time when Satan did not make Jesus' life difficult. There were temptations and troubles around every corner, but He expected much; therefore He attempted much.

7) What did Jesus reveal about His character?

John 9:4-5 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is _____: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the _____ of the world.

8) What prophetic words were given by Isaiah?

Isaiah 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul _____; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

9) How did John describe Him?

John 1:4-5 In him was life; and the life was the _____ of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the _____ comprehended it not.

10) What event marked a special event in Jesus' life?

Luke 2:41-42 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the _____. And when he was _____ years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

11) How careful were Joseph and Mary to watch Him?

Luke 2:43-44 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus _____ behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they _____ him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

Joseph and Mary were in great perplexity and distress. In the departure from Jerusalem, they had lost sight of Jesus, and they knew not that He had tarried behind. The country was then densely populated, and the caravans from Galilee were very large.

12) Where did they find Him?

Luke 2:46 And it came to pass, that after _____ days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

In the school of the rabbis they found Jesus. Rejoiced as they were, they could not forget their grief and anxiety.



13) What did Mary say to Him?

Luke 2:48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee

_____.

14) How did the young Jesus reply?

Luke 2:49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my _____ business?

And as they seemed not to understand His words, He pointed upward. On His face was a light at which they wondered. Divinity was flashing through humanity.

His words started a train of thought that would never be forgotten.

15) What words of the angel came back to Mary?

Luke 1:32-33 He shall be great, and shall be called the _____ of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall _____ over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

If Joseph and Mary had stayed their minds upon God by meditation and prayer, they would have realized the sacredness of their trust, and would not have lost sight of Jesus. By one day's neglect they lost the Saviour; but it cost them three days of anxious search to find Him.

So with us; by idle talk, evil speaking, or neglect of prayer, we may in one day lose the Saviour's presence, and it may take many days of sorrowful search to find Him, and regain the peace that we have lost.

16) What was Paul's encouragement to the Corinthian believers?

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are _____ into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

By beholding the beauty of His character, we shall be changed

Can you see that Jesus was tempted as we are?

Are you interested in spending time with our Creator?

When is the time to take that step?

