

UNIT VERSE

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
JOHN 3:17 (ESV)

Growing Up!

Luke 2:52 says that Jesus grew in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man. Draw a line to match each phrase with its definition.

Wisdom + Stature

Favor with People

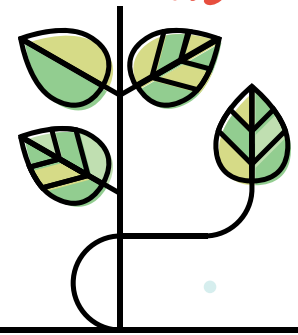
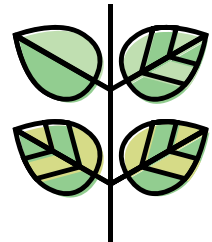
Favor with God

Growing Physically

Respecting and Caring About People

Making Smart Decisions

Honoring God



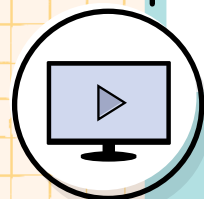
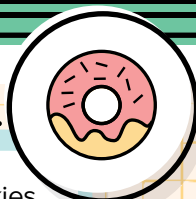
Growing Now!

Read each situation and decide who is growing as Jesus did.



Lucas waited for his older brother to pick him up from school. When Alex didn't show up, Lucas went to the office and asked to call his mom. Lucas' mom came and got him. Later, Alex said that he wanted to play basketball after school, so he forgot all about Lucas. Who is showing wisdom as Jesus does?

Charlotte often sneaks cookies and donuts. Cameron doesn't really like sweets, but he plays video games for hours! Chloe likes taking walks with her parents. She likes running and jumping around while she waits for them to catch up. Who is growing as Jesus did?



Maneet invited his friend Alyasia to go to church with him on Sunday, but Alyasia said she wanted to sleep late and watch TV. Who is honoring God as Jesus does?

Hailey wanted to go skating with her friend Emma, but Hailey's parents said no. Hailey pouted all through lunch and refused to talk to anyone. When she told Emma she couldn't go, Emma offered to come over and play with Hailey. Who is treating others as Jesus does?



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CONVERSATION

Jesus Went to the Temple

LUKE 2:40-52

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. This festival was a special celebration to remember how God saved His people from being slaves in Egypt. When Jesus was 12 years old, He and His family went to Jerusalem again.

When the festival was over, Mary and Joseph and those traveling with them left Jerusalem to return home. Mary and Joseph did not know that Jesus had stayed behind in Jerusalem. They thought Jesus was somewhere in their group of travelers.

Mary and Joseph traveled an entire day on the way back to Nazareth before they realized that Jesus was not with them. They looked for Him everywhere. They asked their relatives and friends about Him. No one had seen Jesus!

Mary and Joseph turned around and went back to Jerusalem to search for Jesus. After three days they found Jesus in the temple. He was sitting with the teachers. He was listening to them and asking them questions. All the teachers were amazed at Jesus' understanding and at His answers.

When Mary and Joseph saw Jesus, they were astonished. Mary said to Jesus, "Son, why have You treated us like this? Your father and I have been searching for You. We were so worried!"

Jesus replied, "Why were you searching for Me? Didn't you know that I had to be in My Father's house?" Mary and Joseph did not understand what Jesus was saying to them.

Jesus returned to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph. He obeyed Mary and Joseph. Mary thought about all of the things that had happened.

Jesus grew wise and strong. He received the favor of God and the respect of others.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Luke 2:40

LIFE POINT: Jesus grew as God planned.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

In today's Bible story your child heard that Jesus grew as God planned. We see Jesus in the temple as a 12-year-old boy, listening to teachers and asking them questions.



LIVE IT OUT

Even though Jesus was God, He came to earth as a human. He grew from a baby into a man. Help your child think of other ways Jesus showed that He was human.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God provided a plan for salvation because He loves me.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Luke 2:40

Monday: Mark 6:2

Tuesday: Luke 2:41-42

Wednesday: Luke 2:52

Thursday: Colossians 3:3

Friday: Hebrews 4:15

Saturday: Matthew 2:11

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *Jesus Went to the Temple* in Bible Studies for Life on the LifeWay Kids App for Bible stories and games.

