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WELCOME:
Fixing
Our Focus

Suggested Icebreaker:
Ask each GG member to share some fond memories they have of their childhood. Ask them how they were like as they were growing up.

WORSHIP:
Adoring
Our God

Suggested songs:

- [I Love You Lord](#)
- [10,000 Reasons](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will learn to lift up their difficulties and concerns to Jesus in prayer.
2. GG members will strive to be like Christ by prioritizing their relationship with God above all else.

INTRODUCTION

In our previous lesson, we saw Jesus being presented in the temple as an infant. This time, we see him once again in the temple, but this time, as a youth. We will learn that Jesus knew who he was, and has an intimate relationship with God, even while he was still growing up to maturity.

The growth and development of Jesus Christ (vv. 39-40, 52)

1. How did Luke describe the growth and development of Jesus Christ?
2. What were the different areas in which he grew and developed?
3. What does this tell us about his humanity and how he can act as mediator between God and man? (cf. Hebrews 4:15)

Application

1. What are difficulties you are currently facing at this stage in your life? How can you bring them up to Jesus in prayer?

Jesus stayed in the temple (vv. 41-51)

1. How often did Joseph and Mary go to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover? What does this tell us about them? (cf. Deuteronomy 16:1-6)
2. What happened to Jesus when they were returning to Nazareth?
3. What was he doing until they eventually found him? How did the people who were with Jesus react?
4. What does this tell us about Jesus and his understanding of Scriptures? (Note that just like us, Jesus went through the process of growing and maturing physically and intellectually, as stated in the verses surrounding this passage.)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

5. What did Mary tell Jesus after they found him? What was Jesus' response?
6. What does this tell us about his relationship with God and his priorities, even as a youth?
7. What was the attitude of Jesus toward his parents while he was growing up with them? (cf. Exodus 20:12)

Application

1. How can you be more like Christ, in the same way that he prioritized his relationship with God above other things? What, if any, are the things that stand in the way of your relationship with God?

Prayer Item

Pray for one another, that you may each grow closer in your walk with the Lord. Pray that you continue to meet together so you can encourage, support, and watch out for each other. Pray that your walk with the Lord will result in faithful witness of Jesus Christ, in word and deed, to the people around you.



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