

## **The Boy Jesus in the Temple**

Luke 2:40-52

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him. Now Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem every year for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. But when the feast was over, as they were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but (because they assumed that he was in their group of travelers) they went a day's journey. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and acquaintances. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Jesus were astonished at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were overwhelmed. His mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." But he replied, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" Yet his parents did not understand the remark he made to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. But his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and with people. (NET)

### **Think About It!**

To be wise, stay in God's presence. God is the source of all wisdom. The Bible says in James 1:5, *"...if anyone is deficient in wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without reprimand, and it will be given to him."*

Proverbs 19:8 says, *"The one who acquires wisdom loves himself; the one who preserves understanding will prosper."* Ask God for wisdom today. You're never too little to be wise.

### **Do It!**

Give your best in your studies at school and at home.

### **Stand On It!**

But God chose what the world thinks foolish to shame the wise, and God chose what the world thinks weak to shame the strong.

1 Corinthians 1:27

## The Twelve Year Old Jesus in the Temple



Max Liebermann in 1879  
Located at The Museum Hamburger Kunsthalle

**Make Your Mark!**

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**Write:** Seek wisdom.