

## This weeks **MEMORY VERSE!**

To learn it well, **READ** it, or **WRITE** it **EACH DAY** after your lesson! Then say it to someone you know!

**John 1:1,14**

**In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God, and  
the Word was God. And the Word  
became flesh and dwelt among us.**

What was in the beginning? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the Word? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Fill in the missing letters or numbers.

1. An \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ told Joseph to take Mary and Jesus to safety in Egypt.
2. Jesus was \_\_\_ years old when He visited Jerusalem.
3. Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the T \_\_\_ .

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## The Boy Jesus Grows

Matthew 2:1-23, Luke 2:39-52, Mark 6:3



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Sometime after the visit of the shepherds in the stable, Joseph brought Mary and the baby Jesus to a house in Bethlehem. While they were living there, some wise men, who lived east of Palestine and had seen a special star there, came to Bethlehem looking for the king of the Jews. When they found Jesus they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they gave Him some very expensive gifts of gold, myrrh, and frankincense. They then returned to their own country with the news of the new king. Joseph was a poor man, and these gifts were God's way of providing money for him to take care of Mary and her Son.

One night God spoke to Joseph again in a dream and told him that the wicked King Herod was going to try to have the baby put to death. Then He told Joseph to take Mary and Jesus down to Egypt immediately, where they would be safe. The Bible doesn't tell us how long they were in Egypt, but it may have been for several years.

When the wicked king died, an angel came to Joseph again and told him that it was safe to return to their land. So, the little family took the long journey back to the land of Palestine. They settled in the town of Nazareth, where Mary and Joseph lived before Jesus was born.

When Jesus was twelve years old, He went with Joseph and Mary to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. It was a long journey, but they probably joined a large group of people who were traveling together.

When Jesus and His parents arrived in the city, they celebrated with friends and relatives for seven days, going to the beautiful temple, worshiping God, and hearing the Word of God explained to them.

When the Passover Feast was over, the little family began the trip back to Nazareth. At first Mary and Joseph did not notice that Jesus was not with them. Perhaps they thought He was with His friends or another family somewhere in the large crowd of people. They had traveled a whole day before they realized that Jesus was not in the crowd. Then they became really concerned, just as your mother and father would be if you were missing. They began to ask all their friends and relatives, "Have you seen Jesus? He hasn't been with us all day. Can you tell us where he is?"

When they could not find Jesus anywhere, Mary and Joseph traveled a whole day's journey back to Jerusalem. They looked through the city streets and in every place they had been during the Passover Feast. He was not playing in the streets nor looking at the strange sights in the city. Where was He? Was he lost and alone somewhere?

Finally, Mary and Joseph found Jesus. He was in the temple, sitting with the religious teachers and leaders! They were all grown men, some of them quite old. It was their job to teach and explain the Word of God to the people.

Jesus was listening to them talk. Sometimes He would ask them questions, and sometimes they would ask Him questions. The men were amazed at His answers and at His questions also. They said to each other, "How can this be? A twelve-year-old boy with all this knowledge!" They did not know that He was the Son of God—God in human flesh.

When they found Him, Mary said to Jesus, "Son, why did You do this to us? Your father and I have been worried and have been searching everywhere for You."

Jesus knew, as Mary and Joseph did, that He was not Joseph's son, though He was obedient to him as His earthly father. He answered His mother, "But why were you searching for Me? Didn't you realize that I had to be here doing My Father's work?"

Jesus was not being disrespectful to them, but Mary and Joseph did not understand what He meant. He was only doing the work God His Father had sent Him to do.

The Bible tells us that Jesus went back to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph after this. It also tells us that He did something else. He was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Jesus not only knew what God's Word said, He obeyed it by obeying His parents.

We know nothing more about Jesus until He was about thirty years old.