

JESUS WAS THE PERFECT CHILD
Christmas Story
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Luke 2:40-52-KJV

- 40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.
- 41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.
- 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.
- 43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not *of it*.
- 44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among *their* kinsfolk and acquaintance.
- 45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.
- 46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.
- 47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.
- 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 sorrowing.
- 49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?
- 50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.
- 51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.
- 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Luke 2:40-52-Passion Bible

41 Every year Jesus' parents went to worship at Jerusalem during the Passover festival. 42 When Jesus turned twelve, his parents took him to Jerusalem to observe the Passover, as was their custom. 43 A full day after they began their journey home, Joseph and Mary realized that Jesus was missing. 44 They had assumed he was somewhere in their entourage, but he was nowhere to be found. After a frantic search among relatives and friends, 45 Mary and Joseph returned to Jerusalem to search for him. 46 After being separated from him for three days, they finally found him in the temple, sitting among the Jewish teachers, listening to them and asking questions. 47 All who heard Jesus speak were astounded at his intelligent understanding of all that was being discussed and at his wise answers to their questions. 48 His parents were shocked to find him there, and Mary scolded him, saying, "Son, your father and I have searched for you everywhere! We have been worried sick over not finding you. Why would you do this to us?" 49 Jesus said to them, "Why would you need to search for me? Didn't you know that it was necessary for me to be here in my Father's house, consumed with him?" 50 Mary and Joseph didn't fully understand what Jesus meant. 51 Jesus went with them back home to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother treasured Jesus' words deeply in her heart. 52 As Jesus grew, so did his wisdom and maturity. The favor of men increased upon his life, for he was loved greatly by God.

Wisdom = Mentally

Stature = Physically

Favour with God = Spiritually

Favour with Man = Socially