

## Lesson Ten Preparation: Luke 2:41-52

### Life and Message of Jesus

### Lesson Supplies

*Catholic Children's Bible* with table of contents page marked (page 3)

Journal for each family member and writing supplies

Videos cued up on your device

### Objectives

- Even though Jesus was God, he grew, developed, and lived like any man.
- Most of Jesus' life is called his hidden life. Jesus' public ministry is called his public life.
- Jesus's message was first revealed in the context of family life.

### Read

#### From the Bible: Luke 2:41-52

#### From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

From the swaddling clothes of his birth to the vinegar of his Passion and the shroud of his Resurrection, everything in Jesus' life was a sign of his mystery. His deeds, miracles and words all revealed that "in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 515)

The finding of Jesus in the temple is the only event that breaks the silence of the Gospels about the hidden years of Jesus. Here Jesus lets us catch a glimpse of the mystery of his total consecration to a mission that flows from his divine sonship: "Did you not know that I must be about my Father's work?" Mary and Joseph did not understand these words, but they accepted them in faith. Mary "kept all these things in her heart" during the years Jesus remained hidden in the silence of an ordinary life. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 534)

#### From the *Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Read questions [101-110](#). This will take 5 minutes

### Watch

[How did Jesus live](#) (3:28)

[The Domestic Church](#) (4:13)

[Jesus In the Temple \(Luke 2\)](#) (3:14)

[The Francis Minute: Recipe for a Happy Family](#) (3:17)

### Reflect

We know very little about Jesus' hidden life, his childhood. After his birth, we hear about his naming and circumcision and his family's trip to Egypt. Then we hear nothing until this story, when Jesus is already 12 years old. It's a lot like our kids' photo albums and mementos. You may have more info on your kids' early years than we have of Jesus', but I'm sure there are considerable gaps. And what happened in those gaps that didn't get recorded for posterity? Ordinary life.

God became man and lived an ordinary family life, just like your family. He experienced all the growing pains, the social developments, the trials and tribulations of childhood. Jesus' family life was the first place he preached his message that God loves us, that God is for us, that God wants us to know Him and to be happy. He preached it not so much in words but in the ordinary experience of a family centered on God.

If you want to experience the abundant life that Jesus promised, it's as simple (and as difficult) as centering your family on Jesus, on family prayer, and on family activities. You'll encounter Jesus in ordinary family life.

## Lesson Ten: Luke 2:41-52

### The Life and Message of Jesus

#### Lesson Summary

- Jesus lived and experienced a normal human life in all its aspects minus sin
- Jesus grew, lived, and worked in Nazareth
- Jesus taught by word and deed about the love of the God, the need for redemption, how to live, and founded the church to continue his work.
- Family life is the normal place to encounter God and live in friendship with him.

#### Pray

1. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
2. Who or what would you like to pray for today?
3. Our Father, Hail Mary, Creed (*Catholic Children's Bible* page 1992)

#### Read

##### Luke 2:41-52 – The Boy Jesus in the Temple

- Read the passage slowly and out loud at least three times, maybe taking turns.
- Pay attention for a word or phrase that sticks out to you.
- In your journal, write about that word or phrase. Use some of the [suggested journal prompts](#) if you need help.

#### Reflect

What do you want to be like when you are twelve years old? In this story, we get a glimpse of Jesus at twelve.

Even at twelve, Jesus knew what his purpose was. He was teaching the religious leaders (ancient Jewish teachers taught mainly by asking questions of their students). He knew that God was his Father.

Even though Jesus was fully God, the Bible tells us that he grew and developed like you. The Bible also tells us that Jesus obeyed his parents. He gave us an example to follow. Your role in making your home a happy and holy home is to honor your mom and dad. St. Paul calls this the first commandment with a promise. God promises happiness to obedient children.

#### Watch

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#### Discuss

- How do you hear the cries of the poor? Can you be a better listener? Who needs you to hear them?
- What is something you can do this month to be Jesus' hands? How can you help others and love them using your hands?
- Even though Jesus is God, he still had to learn and obey his parents. What is one way that you can be open to learning something new? How can you better obey your parents?

#### Salvation History

Sometime this week, read **A Lamb Saves God's People (Exodus 12:21-28)**, pages 116-117 in the *Catholic Children's Bible*.

This is the story of the Passover, which prefigured Jesus' Passion.

#### Live

- Do a kind deed in secret for someone in your family or a neighbor. Do not tell them that you did it.
- Go to the park with your family and bring a garbage bag. Clean up the park and remove any garbage, not because you have to, but because you want to make it better.
- Celebrate your family! Create a list of family celebrations like birthdays, sacrament anniversaries, and other family milestones. Hang it somewhere prominent to remind your family of upcoming celebrations.

## Lesson Ten Supplemental Materials

### The Life and Message of Jesus

#### Lesson Summary Statements

- Jesus lived and experienced a normal human life except sin. He developed just like any man.
- Jesus was born in Bethlehem to His mother Mary, St Joseph was His guardian and foster father.
- Jesus lived in the town of Nazareth until age 30.
- Jesus' time between His birth and Baptism is called His hidden life.
- Jesus humbly went about life just like any man of His time.
- Jesus developed like any child, went to school, did chores, played.
- As Jesus got older he learned a trade from St Joseph and participated in Jewish religious practices.
- Jesus experienced the death of his grandparents and father.
- Jesus had first-hand knowledge of human suffering, injustice, and the effects of sin.
- Jesus experienced the very same things that we experienced in our lives.
- No one would have known or thought the simple poor carpenter was God-in-flesh.
- At the age of 30 Jesus left Nazareth and was baptized by his cousin, John the Baptist. This event began Jesus' public ministry.
- For 3 years Jesus would preached, taught, and worked miracles throughout Israel.
- During his public life, Jesus taught about the Father, especially His unconditional love, through His words and actions. This was the same message he lived out in his family life during his hidden years.
- The Gospels contain the Life and Teaching of Jesus

#### More Resources to Answer Your Questions

##### Videos

- [The Nativity Fulton Sheen](#) (3:24)
- [How did Jesus show his concern for men](#) (4:13)
- [Mysteries of Light from the Rosary](#) (3:59)

##### Websites

- [Did Jesus have "blood" brothers and sisters?](#)
- [Catholic Answers](#)
- [Credible Catholic](#)
- [Formed.org](#)

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## Saved by a Lamb

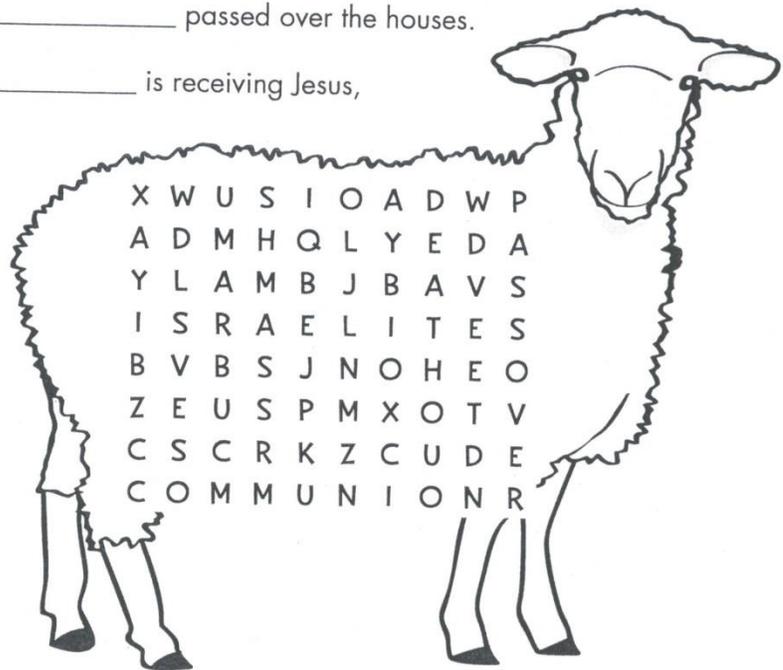
Find and read Exodus 12:21–28 in your Bible. From the box below, choose the correct words to complete the sentences. Write the words in the blanks. Then find and circle those words (across, down, diagonal) in the lamb picture.

Jesus	Death	lamb	Communion
Israelites	Passover	blood	Mass

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ were God's Chosen People.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ saved God's Chosen People.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is celebrated by eating a meal with lamb.
4. The lamb's \_\_\_\_\_ was wiped on the doorposts.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is our Lamb.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a sacrificial meal celebrating how Jesus saved us.
7. The Angel of \_\_\_\_\_ passed over the houses.
8. Receiving \_\_\_\_\_ is receiving Jesus, the Lamb of God.



**Seek and Find:** Look at pages 116 and 117 of your Bible. What is the round object in the sky above one of the clotheslines at the top of the left-hand page?



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Two Stories of Lambs

Unscramble the words below. Then use the words to finish the two stories.

aDeth \_\_\_\_\_ sraPevso \_\_\_\_\_

icefsacir \_\_\_\_\_ maLb \_\_\_\_\_

sMsa \_\_\_\_\_ srosc \_\_\_\_\_

sorodopts \_\_\_\_\_ gyndi \_\_\_\_\_

### Story 1

God told the Israelites to \_\_\_\_\_ a lamb and mark their \_\_\_\_\_ with its blood. The Angel of \_\_\_\_\_ passed over these marked houses. The lambs' blood saved the people. Each year the Israelites remembered and celebrated this by the Feast of \_\_\_\_\_.

### Story 2

Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God who was sacrificed. His blood marked the wood of the \_\_\_\_\_. By \_\_\_\_\_ and rising, Jesus saved us from sin and death. We remember and celebrate this at every \_\_\_\_\_.



**Seek and Find:** Look at pages 116 and 117 of your Bible. In one of the Tell It! pictures, a man is carrying an animal. What animal is it?