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DIG DEEP

DISCOVER WHAT
MATTERS MOST

ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY (K-5th grade)

AUGUST 1, 2021

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: Grow as We Go (Jesus Grows in Wisdom) • Luke 2:41-52

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE: Wisdom is worth searching for.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE: *If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone and doesn't find fault. James 1:5 (NirV)*

MONTHLY LIFE APPLICATION: Wisdom—Finding out what you should do and doing it.

BASIC TRUTH: I can trust God no matter what.

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Review today's story by reading the statements below and asking kids to stand up and shout "True!" if the statement is true. When a statement is false, let kids share the correct answer.

- The special day that Jesus' family was traveling to celebrate was Thanksgiving. (false; Passover)
- The name of the town where Jesus and His family went to celebrate Passover was [insert the name of your city]. (false; Jerusalem)
- When Mary and Joseph found Jesus, He was in the temple. (true)
- Jesus was playing with His friends when His parents finally found Him. (false; He was talking with the teachers in the temple)

- Today's Bottom Line is "Wisdom is worth searching for." (true)
- God wants us to grow up to be wise like Jesus. (true)

WHAT YOU SAY:

"When I say, 'I can find wisdom by ...' I want all of you to take turns completing the sentence!

Some of the answers can include the following:

- Talking to church leaders
- Asking questions in small group
- Learning from family members
- Getting help to read the Bible
- Asking a trusted friend who is older
- Asking God to help me
- Listening well in church or Large Group

"We heard in the story that Jesus was asking questions and listening to wise teachers talk about God. It's important for us to listen and ask questions about God and listen to those who are wise. God has given us so many ways to find wisdom. **[Bottom Line] Wisdom is worth searching for** because we need wisdom to know the right thing to do. God wants us to be safe, healthy, and follow Him, and a big part of that starts with wisdom!"

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

"God, thank You for giving us the stories in the Bible so we can know who Jesus is and learn how much You love us. Thank You for teaching us that even Jesus grew in wisdom. Please help each of us grow in wisdom and give us opportunities to put that wisdom into practice. Guide us to make wise decisions and search for wisdom even when it isn't the popular thing to do. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."