

UNIT VERSE

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

JOHN 3:17 (ESV)

COLORED ANSWERS



Look at the pictures. Use a BLUE crayon or marker to circle all the things that can help a person grow healthier.

Use a YELLOW crayon or marker to circle all the things that could help you grow wiser.

Use a RED crayon or marker to circle things that could help you grow in favor with God.

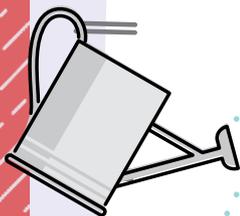
Use a GREEN crayon or marker to circle things that could help you grow in favor with other people.

HINT: Some items may represent more than one way to grow. On these items, more than one color can be used.



THINK BEFORE DOING

Can you think of other ways to grow? Write or draw them on the page. Then circle the words or drawings with the color that shows the way to grow.



JESUS GREW!

Think about ways Jesus grew. Why do you think God planned for Jesus to grow in those ways?

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CONVERSATION

Jesus Went to the Temple

LUKE 2:40-52

Jesus' family did not stay in Bethlehem. After a time, they moved back to Nazareth. The child Jesus grew up. He got stronger. He grew wiser and gained more knowledge. God blessed Jesus as He grew.

Every year, Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover Festival. When Jesus was 12 years old, He went with His parents to Jerusalem. They probably traveled with others from their village. When the festival was over, Mary and Joseph started for home. They did not know that Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. They thought Jesus was in the group with other friends or family members.

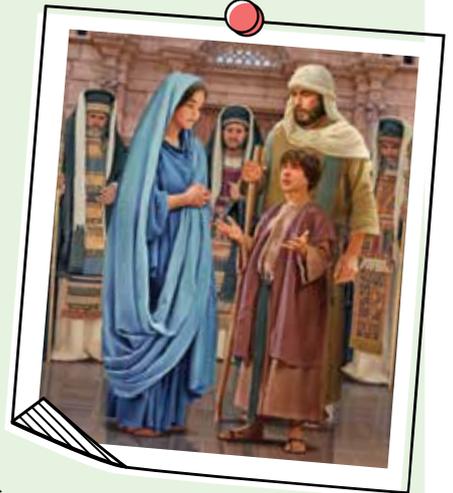
After traveling for a whole day, the group stopped. Mary and Joseph looked for Jesus but could not find Him. They asked their family members and friends about Him. Jesus was nowhere to be found.

Mary and Joseph hurried back to Jerusalem. For three days they searched for Jesus. Finally, they found Him. Jesus was sitting in the temple with the teachers. He listened to them. He even asked them questions. Everyone who heard Jesus was amazed at how much Jesus understood.

Jesus' parents were also amazed. Mary said, "Your father and I have been looking everywhere for You. I was very worried when we could not find You."

Jesus then asked, "Why were you searching? Didn't you know I would be in My Father's house?"

Mary and Joseph didn't know what Jesus meant. Jesus went home with them to Nazareth. He obeyed them in all things. Jesus grew wiser and taller. He grew in favor with God and with other people.



WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Luke 2:40

LIFE POINT: Jesus grew as God planned.

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *Jesus Went to the Temple* in Bible Studies for Life: LifeWay Kids App for games and activities for your child.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

In today's Bible story your child heard that Jesus grew as God planned. We see Jesus in the temple as a 12-year-old boy, listening to teachers and asking them questions.



LIVE IT OUT

Even though Jesus was God, He came to earth as a human. He grew from a baby into a man. Help your child think of other ways Jesus showed that He was human.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God sent His only Son, Jesus, to be the only Savior of the world.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Luke 2:40

Monday: Mark 6:2

Tuesday: Luke 2:41-42

Wednesday: Luke 2:52

Thursday: Colossians 3:3

Friday: Hebrews 4:15

Saturday: Matthew 2:11