

# NOTES & QUESTIONS

## THE FORMATIVE YEARS

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LUKE 2:41-52

1. A Love for God's \_\_\_\_\_

2. A Knowledge of God's \_\_\_\_\_

3. A Commitment to God's \_\_\_\_\_

4. A Respect for God's \_\_\_\_\_

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

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**Ice-breaker:** Choose 3 words to describe yourself as a child (ages 5-12). Why each of those words?

1. Why do you think the Bible has so little to say (just one passage) about Jesus' boyhood? Read Luke 2:52. What's the significance of the word "grew"?
2. Read Romans 8:29. What is God's goal for the life of every Christ follower? How does that make you feel?
3. Read Luke 2:41-46. Describe the event that the Passover commemorates. What event does that point to in the New Testament? (Hint: See I Corinthians 5:7.) How do we celebrate this new Passover? What are some good reasons to do this in a gathering of fellow believers?
4. Other than being sick or out of town, what are your most common excuses for skipping church? Read Hebrews 10:24, 25 and respond to your excuses from what you learn in these verses.
5. What makes (or should make) in-person church better than online church? Bonus: How could parents encourage their kids' love for church?
6. Read Luke 2:46, 47. What amazed the crowd about Jesus? How did he know so much about the Bible? Bonus: How could parents whet the appetite of their kids for God's Word?
7. List several good reasons to read the Bible every day. List several good reasons to memorize portions of the Bible. List several good reasons to discuss and apply the Bible in a small group.
8. Read Luke 2:48-50. What was so startling about Jesus referring to God as "my Father"? Another way to translate "my Father's house" is "my Father's business." What was the Father's business to which Jesus was committed (multiple answers)?
9. What might be some aspects of God's mission for your life? On a scale of 1-10 (low to high), how committed are you to these missional objectives? What undermines your commitment to the mission? What strengthens your commitment?
10. Read Luke 2:51, 52. Why might it have been difficult for Jesus to obey his parents (multiple answers)? Why is it important to obey human authority figures (as long as they're not asking us to do something contrary to God's Word)? What does Romans 13: 1, 2 say about this?
11. Hebrews 5:8 says that Jesus "learned obedience" to God. How did he do this? What are some steps you might take to learn obedience to God? Describe an area in your life in which you are currently learning (or need to learn) this lesson.
12. My two best takeaways from this study for personal application are...