



# JESUS IS LOST



## Luke 2:41-52

Jesus grew up in Nazareth. Every year, Jesus and His family would go to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover Feast.

When Jesus was twelve, they went to the feast as usual. The streets were crowded with people.

One the way back home to Nazareth, Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus. They asked their relatives and friends, "Have you seen Jesus?" But no one knew where He was.

Mary and Josephe went back to Jerusalem. They looked and looked for Jesus.

Finally, after three days, they found Him! Jesus was talking with the teachers in the temple. The teachers were amazed. Jesus was very wise for such a young boy.

Mary and Joseph rushed to Jesus. "We were so worried about you!" said Mary. Jesus knew God was His Father. He said, "I had to come to My Father's house."

He loved and obeyed His parents too. So He returned home with them and grew stronger and wiser.



*How does God care for His creation? God loves and rules over all He made.*



# PRESCHOOL



## WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

**TABLE #1** - Coloring sheet & crayons - - - **TABLE #2** - Mother's Day Craft - - - **Floor** - Cars & roads



## INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Today, we celebrate our moms. It's called Mother's Day! We don't all have mothers around to care for us, but God gives us other people to take care of us. Sometimes it's grandma, sometimes it's even daddy, and sometimes it can be an aunt, an uncle, or a friend who cares for us. There are all kinds of people who can love us and take care of us. In today's story we will hear about a time when Jesus was lost. But first, I have a challenge for you. Somewhere in the room I have hidden a picture of Jesus. Let's see who can find the picture - then meet me back here. [allow preschoolers to search for the pictures of Jesus.]

**Who gives us all we need in Jesus? God! Let's listen to where Mary and Joseph found Jesus.**



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Options: 1) Read the story from the Beginner's Bible story book, page 296-302; or 2) Play the story video on the TV.

**HOW DOES GOD CARE FOR HIS CREATION?**

**God loves and rules over all He made.**



## SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the May 2025 file.



## PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Practice the key verse with preschoolers by adding hand motions. Try grouping preschoolers in a circle and have each one say one word of the verse as you move around the circle.

**God gives us all we need in Jesus.**

**Philippians 4:19**



# ACTIVITIES

## ARE YOU MY MOTHER?

- Gather interested preschoolers to the story circle. Ask: **What does your mother or caregiver do for you to help you?** (Let your children respond.)
- **Do you think Jesus' mother did the same things for Him?** (Let your children respond.) **Let's take a minute to think about the people who take care of us. Can you think of something special about the person who takes care of you?**
- **I want to read a story to you about a little bird who had someone very special to take care of him and how he found the special person. If you have already heard the story, be sure not to say anything about how the story ends. I want it to be a surprise for everyone.** Read the story, *Are You My Mother*, by P.D. Eastman.
- **We all need someone to take care of us, don't we? Even Jesus needed someone to take care of him. Let's pray and thank God for giving us these special people that take care of us.**

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Philippians 4:19

### HOW DOES GOD CARE FOR HIS CREATION?

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## CREATE A MOTHER'S DAY GIFT

- At the beginning of class, assemble two to three preschoolers to add their hand print to the prepared card stock. Use the paint pens or do-a-dot markers to ink their hands. Have them press their hand, palm side down onto the paper. Clean immediately with hand wipes or washing their hand at the sink. Add their name to the paper and allow it to dry.
- When the hand print is dry(ish), allow preschoolers to glue the pot over the bottom of their palm print and add flower stickers to the top of the finger tips.
- **Today we celebrate the person who takes care of us at home. Who helps you get dressed in the morning and makes your favorite breakfast? Who teaches you numbers and letters? Who tucks you in at night. My mom made sure I was ready for my day by making breakfast for me and I had completed my chores. I'm thankful for my mom.**



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Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.