

## Week 18 Family Letter

# God's Word Is Important: Boy Jesus Studies in the Temple

(Luke 2:41-52)

Walk, walk, walk. Mary and Joseph and Jesus were walking to the temple. It was a very long way to walk. "There it is! There's God's house!" Jesus said when He saw it high on a hill. Jesus and His family went to the temple-church to pray to God and praise Him. Teachers read from the Bible about God's love.

Home, home, home. Mary and Joseph went home with their friends. But Jesus was still at the temple-church in Jerusalem. Mary and Joseph thought Jesus was with His friends. They looked and looked for Jesus. But they could not find Him.

Run, run, run. Run back to the temple. "Have you seen Jesus?" they asked. Mary and Joseph found Him in the temple listening to the teachers. The teachers were talking about God. Then Jesus went back home with Mary and Joseph.

Love, love, love. God loved Jesus. God blessed Jesus. Jesus grew big and strong. God loves you too. God blesses you. He helps you grow big and strong. You go to church to learn about God.

### Bible Words

LORD, I love . . . Your house.

Psalm 26:8

### Dear Family,

Talk about the teachers your child has at school and Sunday School. Point out that the pastor also teaches us God's Word at church. God has blessed us with many people to help us learn and grow, people who teach us and care about us.

Look at the Bible picture. Ask your child to color the picture of one of Jesus' teachers. Point out that the other teacher holds a scroll. That is the type of book people used in those days. They rolled the pages instead of turning them like we do today.

With your child's help, make a little Bible book. Roll the edges of a piece of paper to make a scroll. Ask your child to tell you some words about Jesus. Write those words on the scroll. Read to your child from this special book, reading your child's own words about Jesus.

Your child colored a picture of Jesus' teacher. Now, let your child make a picture of his or her own teacher, or you can draw the picture for your child to color. Pray together, thanking God for teachers, especially for teachers who tell us about the love of Jesus, our Savior, who takes away our sins. Read the story on page 290 of *The Story Bible* together.

