

## First Words of the “Word”

Week 12; Luke 2:40-52

40 The Child continued to grow and become strong and filled with wisdom (*sophia*), and the grace (*charis*) of God was upon Him.



Contrast these qualities in the young Jesus – what are they and how would they look in a young boy?

Strength:

Wisdom:

Grace:

41 Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast;

What do you know about Passover? \_\_\_\_\_

What significance would Passover eventually have for Jesus personally? \_\_\_\_\_

For next time, \_\_\_\_\_

43 and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But His parents were unaware of it, 44 but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and they began looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. 45 When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem looking for Him.

Have you had to change travel plans (a full day's drive) because of something like this? How did you feel about it? \_\_\_\_\_

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46 Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the PhD's, both hearing them, and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and His answers.

What seems to be implied here about Jesus awareness of His parents' search? \_\_\_\_\_

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48 When they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been desperately looking for You."

In Mary's mind, what did she mean by "treated us this way"? \_\_\_\_\_

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49 And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be about My Father's things?"

The age of 12 is thought to be near the "age of accountability" in the Jewish culture, when the awareness of identity and moral choices emerges. What is being revealed here? \_\_\_\_\_

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50 But they did not understand the statement which He had made to them. 51 And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He

continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

What do you think Mary and Joseph were not understanding here?

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Do we tend to feel our parents are less deserving of honor when they just didn't understand us? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think "continued in subjection to them" means? \_\_\_\_\_

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Was this because Jesus was still immature? Or why would the Son of God who could dialogue with Theologians subject Himself to parents who didn't understand Him? \_\_\_\_\_

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52 And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom (*sophia*) and stature (*maturity*), and in favor (*charis*) with God and men.

Why do you think these words (two of them) are repeated in the Greek? What does repetition usually mean in Biblical accounts? \_\_\_\_\_

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We have here the first recorded words of Jesus. Can you think of the ways that they set the entire narrative of Jesus' life? \_\_\_\_\_

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