

# Jesus the Boy

## (Luke 2:52)

How often do you think about Jesus as a child? We may not think about this that much because the Bible only really gives details about the last three years of Jesus' life (from the time He was 30 to 33). The gospels are not a biography of Jesus' life.

And yet, there is a section in them that gives us a great summary of His childhood (Luke 2:41-52). When Jesus was 12 years old, He traveled to Jerusalem with His family to keep the feast of the Passover. As they were returning home, a day later Jesus' parents realized He had been separated from the group. Three days later they found Him in the temple asking and answering questions. He was being about the business of His Father in heaven!

In Luke 2:51, we learn from then the Lord continued in obedience and subjection to His parents. In Luke 2:52, gives a great summary of what the Lord did as He grew from a boy to a man.

### I. He grew in stature .

A. This means He grew physically.

1. This is something that every person is supposed to do.

2. Young people are not to stay looking like kids in their bodies forever.

B. But will you take of your body? Will you avoid defiling and abusing your body? Will you use your body for the purposes and glory of God? See 1 Corinthians 6:18-20.

### II. He grew in wisdom .

A. This means He grew mentally.

1. This is so important that Luke mentions it twice (Luke 2:40).

2. Jesus always acted His age!

B. How do we do this?

1. Education

2. Learning from past mistakes

3. Listening to wise counselors (Proverbs 23:22-23)

4. The Bible (Psalm 119:130)

### III. He grew in favor with men .

A. This means He grew socially.

1. He was nice and gracious to other people.

2. He wasn't arrogant, disrespectful, and rude.

B. Are we like Him? See Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 4:31-32; 2 Timothy 2:24; Romans 12:14-18).

### IV. He grew in favor with God .

A. This means He grew spiritually. Even though He was sinless and perfectly holy, He constantly sought to grow in His relationship with God. He was never complacent and stagnant in His spirituality.

B. Are we like Him? See Ephesians 4:15; Colossians 1:10; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 1:5-8; 3:18.