

## OUR PART IN THE STORY:

Daily devotions on Sunday's Narrative Lectionary text

### Boy in the Temple

Luke 2:41-52

SHARE your highs and lows for the day.

READ Sunday's entire text each day to learn the story deeply.

Depending on the age of the readers, you might want to stop and act out the scene depicted in this story.

❖ The journey from Nazareth to Jerusalem was about a five-day walk. Take a look at this website, which gives a pretty good picture of what this journey would have been like: <https://www.ingermanson.com/blog/2019/05/10/road-to-jerusalem-with-jesus/>

❖ Time yourself walking one mile. How long would it have taken you to walk ninety miles?

TALK about what you just read, and relate it to your highs and lows.

The questions and prompts below are intended to spark discussion and action. Use one each day or several at one sitting.

❖ Have you ever gotten lost or forgotten as a child? Have you had this experience as a parent? How did you feel?

❖ What kind of questions do you think young Jesus asked the teachers? What questions would you have asked them?

❖ Mary and Joseph did not understand what Jesus told them. Have you ever felt misunderstood? How can you understand others better?

PRAY for your family and friends, for those who journey with us, for your highs and lows, and for children who seek to learn.

BLESS each other by making the sign of the cross on each other's forehead and saying, "God's message is for you."

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Daily readings based on Sunday's Narrative Lectionary text

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Read a different text each day, and consider how it relates to Sunday's lesson and to your daily experiences.

#### MONDAY: Journey to Jerusalem

2 Chronicles 30:1

❖ Why was it important for the Jewish people to take this long journey to Jerusalem?

#### TUESDAY: Journey to Jerusalem

Micah 4:2

❖ What are some characteristics of celebrations that you travel to attend?

#### WEDNESDAY: Journey to Jerusalem

Hebrews 11:13-16

❖ What would it be like if you were too far away to attend a very important celebration or obligation?

#### THURSDAY: Teaching the Children

Isaiah 54:13

❖ Do you think that Mary and Joseph were thinking about this verse when Jesus asked them why they were looking for him?

#### FRIDAY: Teaching the Children

Matthew 19:14

❖ Do you think Jesus was thinking about himself as a child when he spoke these words to the disciples?

#### SATURDAY: Teaching the Children

1 Timothy 4:12

❖ Would Jesus have approved of Paul's words to Timothy?