

JESUS TALKED WITH THE TEACHERS

BABIES
UNIT 1
SESSION 5

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story statements in the leader guide.)

Luke tells us at the beginning of his Gospel that he set out to write an orderly account of the life and ministry of Jesus so that we could have certainty about what we have been taught (Luke 1:3-4). He likely conducted interviews with eyewitnesses as a part of his investigation to get the best information possible. Most scholars believe one of the people he interviewed was Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Imagine the stories that Mary told about her Son. Luke had an incredible opportunity to sit and talk with her about Jesus' birth, childhood, ministry, death, and resurrection. His interview with Mary is likely why the book of Luke has much more detail about Jesus' birth than any other Gospel.

In addition, Mary is likely the source for the only account we have about Jesus in His childhood. Between two statements about Jesus' physical and spiritual growth is the story of a young Jesus astounding the teachers with His knowledge. So why would Luke include only this story among the many that Mary undoubtedly shared about Jesus growing up?

First, this story shows the shifting of the narrative in Luke from the actions of others to the actions of Jesus. In this passage, Jesus speaks for the first time as He establishes the expectation for His earthly ministry.

Secondly, this story illustrates Jesus' allegiance to His Father in heaven over and above any earthly concerns. The story's central theme shines through as Jesus declares He must be in "my Father's house." Even at 12 years old, He lived according to His Father's will.

As you pray this week, talk to God about your desire to live according to His will. Ask Him to show you specific ways to follow His will this week.

TEACHER TIP

Arrive early so that you can prepare the room before the first baby arrives or so that you can learn about each baby from the teachers in the previous session.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus grew like me.

LIFE POINT

Jesus grew.

BIBLE PASSAGE

Luke 2:40-52

BIBLE VERSE

Jesus grew, becoming stronger and wiser.

Luke 2:40

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