

January 17, 2021

4-year-olds

Objective: Learn to obey our parents, like Jesus did.

Memory verse: (Ephesians 6:1)

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy father and mother...”

Story:

When Jesus was a little boy, His mother, Mary and father, Joseph took very good care of him. He always did what they asked him to. He was a very good boy and never caused any trouble.

Every year, the family would go to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. Jerusalem was the city that had a big temple- like the church- where people prayed. It was a very long distance from where Jesus' family lived. One year, when Jesus was 12 years old, they took the journey to the city for the big feast day. While he was there, Jesus was so happy to spend time in the temple, listening to the teachers who

read God's word. He was not only asking, but also answering questions.

When it came time to leave, Mary and Joseph started their trip back home, but somehow they didn't realize that their 12 year old son was not with them! They didn't hop into a car, or even a bus, back then. They traveled by foot, or on the backs of animals, and they traveled with many other people, so it took a little while for them to figure out that Jesus was still back at the Temple. They went back to get him, and found Jesus happily talking with all the teachers. The teachers were amazed at how much Jesus understood about God. When Mary told him that she and Joseph were very worried, Jesus said, "Did you not know that I was doing work for God, my father?" His parents told him still, he had to go back home with them at that moment. Right away, Jesus obeyed them. He stopped doing what he was doing, even though he was having a great time, and went with his parents.

The truth is, Jesus obeyed his parents all the time. We must also do the same, and try to be good children, like Him. **God says our parents are very important, and we should treat them with respect and honor them. Doing this is one way you can be like Jesus, our Lord and savior!**

Amen