

1: The Lord's Early Years

Growing up with Jesus is a childrens' film about Jesus' boyhood as told by Mozi the donkey.

Paper The Early Childhood of Jesus They lived with kinsfolk, and Joseph was well able to support his family as he secured work shortly after their arrival. He was employed as a carpenter for several months and then elevated to the position of foreman of a large group of workmen employed on one of the public buildings then in process of construction. This new experience gave him the idea of becoming a contractor and builder after their return to Nazareth. In the home where Jesus chanced to be there were two other children about his age, and among the near neighbors there were six others whose ages were sufficiently near his own to make them acceptable play-fellows. At first Mary was disposed to keep Jesus close by her side. She feared something might happen to him if he were allowed to play in the garden with the other children, but Joseph, with the assistance of his kinsfolk, was able to convince her that such a course would deprive Jesus of the helpful experience of learning how to adjust himself to children of his own age. And Mary, realizing that such a program of undue sheltering and unusual protection might tend to make him self-conscious and somewhat self-centered, finally gave assent to the plan of permitting the child of promise to grow up just like any other child; and though she was obedient to this decision, she made it her business always to be on watch while the little folks were at play about the house or in the garden. Only an affectionate mother can know the burden that Mary carried in her heart for the safety of her son during these years of his infancy and early childhood. On this occasion the assembled friends presented Jesus with a complete copy of the Greek translation of the Hebrew scriptures. These believers insisted that the child of destiny would be able to exert a far greater world influence as a resident of Alexandria than of any designated place in Palestine. They went directly to Bethlehem, where they spent the entire month of September in counsel with their friends and relatives concerning whether they should remain there or return to Nazareth. Joseph did not really believe that their son was to become a kingly deliverer of Israel. Besides, he knew that he himself was not really a descendant of David; that his being reckoned among the offspring of David was due to the adoption of one of his ancestors into the Davidic line of descent. Accordingly, early in October, 4 B. They feared to go to Galilee by Jerusalem and the Jordan valley, and the western routes were not altogether safe for two lone travelers with a child of tender years. Back in Nazareth In less than a week Joseph secured work as a carpenter, and they were supremely happy. He had stood all these travels very well and was in excellent health and full of childish glee and excitement at having premises of his own to run about in and to enjoy. But he greatly missed the association of his Alexandrian playmates. They agreed to refrain from all mention of these matters to anyone. And they were both very faithful in keeping this promise. Meantime he had formed a very close attachment for a neighbor boy about his own age named Jacob. Jesus and Jacob were always happy in their play, and they grew up to be great friends and loyal companions. After this he did very little carpenter work by the day. He had as associates two of his brothers and several other mechanics, whom he sent out to work while he remained at the shop making yokes and plows and doing other woodwork. He also did some work in leather and with rope and canvas. And Jesus, as he grew up, when not at school, spent his time about equally between helping his mother with home duties and watching his father work at the shop, meanwhile listening to the conversation and gossip of the caravan conductors and passengers from the four corners of the earth. Mary became so alarmed by the danger of Jesus being exposed to this epidemic of disease that she bundled up both her children and fled to the country home of her brother, several miles south of Nazareth on the Megiddo road near Sarid. They did not return to Nazareth for more than two months; Jesus greatly enjoyed this, his first experience on a farm. The Fifth Year 2 B. This event occurred on February 11, 2 B. Jesus was no more aware of the coming of the divine Monitor than are the millions upon millions of other children who, before and since that day, have likewise received these Thought Adjusters to indwell their minds and work for the ultimate spiritualization of these minds and the eternal survival of their evolving immortal souls. From that time on throughout the human unfolding of the incarnation, the guardianship of Jesus was destined to rest in the keeping of this indwelling Adjuster and the associated seraphic guardians, supplemented from time to time

by the ministry of midway creatures assigned for the performance of certain definite duties in accordance with the instruction of their planetary superiors. In this year, 2 B. During the evening of the following day Jesus had a long talk with his father concerning the manner in which various groups of living things are born into the world as separate individuals. From the time Jesus was five years old until he was ten, he was one continuous question mark. While Joseph and Mary could not always answer his questions, they never failed fully to discuss his inquiries and in every other possible way to assist him in his efforts to reach a satisfactory solution of the problem which his alert mind had suggested. So fully was he occupied that he had found no time to build a cradle for James, but this was corrected long before Miriam came, so that she had a very comfortable crib in which to nestle while the family admired her. And the child Jesus heartily entered into all these natural and normal home experiences. He greatly enjoyed his little brother and his baby sister and was of great help to Mary in their care. These Jews had a systematic program for rearing and educating their children. The newborn child, the first to the eighth day. The period of dependence on the mother, lasting up to the end of the fifth year. The beginning independence of the child and, with sons, the father assuming responsibility for their education. The adolescent youths and maidens. The young men and the young women. She taught him to know and care for the vines and flowers growing about the garden walls which completely surrounded the home plot. She also provided on the roof of the house the summer bedroom shallow boxes of sand in which Jesus worked out maps and did much of his early practice at writing Aramaic, Greek, and later on, Hebrew, for in time he learned to read, write, and speak, fluently, all three languages. He experienced a mild digestive upset, his first minor illness, in the latter part of this, his fifth calendar year. Events of the Sixth Year 1 B. Mary spoke little Greek, but Joseph was a fluent speaker of both Aramaic and Greek. The textbook for the study of the Greek language was the copy of the Hebrew scriptures—a complete version of the law and the prophets, including the Psalms—which had been presented to them on leaving Egypt. Before this year ended, Jesus had assumed custody of this priceless manuscript, having been told on his sixth birthday that the sacred book had been presented to him by Alexandrian friends and relatives. And in a very short time he could read it readily. It had seemed to the lad that his father—at least his father and mother together—knew everything. In harmony with the prevailing belief of the Jewish people, Jesus was long willing to accept the doctrine of good spirits and evil spirits as the possible explanation of mental and spiritual phenomena, but he very early became doubtful that such unseen influences were responsible for the physical happenings of the natural world. Jesus and John had a happy time during this, their first visit within their memories. Although the visitors could remain only a few days, the parents talked over many things, including the future plans for their sons. While they were thus engaged, the lads played with blocks in the sand on top of the house and in many other ways enjoyed themselves in true boyish fashion. His father explained to him the meaning of all these seasons. The first was the midwinter festive illumination, lasting eight days, starting out with one candle the first night and adding one each successive night; this commemorated the dedication of the temple after the restoration of the Mosaic services by Judas Maccabee. Then followed the solemn Passover, which the adults celebrated in Jerusalem whenever possible, while at home the children would remember that no leavened bread was to be eaten for the whole week. Later came the feast of the first-fruits, the harvest ingathering; and last, the most solemn of all, the feast of the new year, the day of atonement. He insisted on talking to his heavenly Father much as he would talk to Joseph, his earthly father. Before the year was over, the family income had more than trebled. As James grew up to be old enough to help his mother with the housework and care of the younger children, Jesus made frequent trips away from home with his father to these surrounding towns and villages. Jesus was a keen observer and gained much practical knowledge from these trips away from home; he was assiduously storing up knowledge regarding man and the way he lived on earth. Mary was a loving mother but a fairly strict disciplinarian. In many ways, however, Joseph exerted the greater control over Jesus as it was his practice to sit down with the boy and fully explain the real and underlying reasons for the necessity of disciplinary curtailment of personal desires in deference to the welfare and tranquillity of the entire family. When the situation had been explained to Jesus, he was always intelligently and willingly co-operative with parental wishes and family regulations. He evinced a troublesome penchant for lying on his back and gazing wonderingly up into the starry heavens long after his usual bedtime in this well-ordered

Nazareth household. The Seventh Year A. Early in January a great snowstorm occurred in Galilee. Snow fell two feet deep, the heaviest snowfall Jesus saw during his lifetime and one of the deepest at Nazareth in a hundred years. They played much at weddings and funerals, ceremonies which they so frequently saw and which were so spectacular. They danced and sang but had few organized games, such as children of later days so much enjoy. He had a capacity for humor and play which was afforded little opportunity for expression in the environment of his day and generation, but up to the age of fourteen he was cheerful and lighthearted most of the time. It happened during an unexpected July sandstorm from the east. The hot winds, carrying blasts of fine sand, usually blew during the rainy season, especially in March and April. It was extraordinary to have such a storm in July. When the storm came up, Jesus was on the housetop playing, as was his habit, for during much of the dry season this was his accustomed playroom. He was blinded by the sand when descending the stairs and fell. After this accident Joseph built a balustrade up both sides of the stairway. It was not chargeable to neglect by the midway temporal guardians, one primary and one secondary midwayer having been assigned to the watchcare of the lad; neither was it chargeable to the guardian seraphim. It simply could not have been avoided. Under ordinary circumstances only midway creatures can intervene in material conditions to safeguard the persons of men and women of destiny, and even in special situations these beings can so act only in obedience to the specific mandates of their superiors. If you envisage the average childhood and youth of an aggressive boy, you will have a fairly good idea of the youthful career of Jesus, and you will be able to imagine just about how much anxiety he caused his parents, particularly his mother. School Days in Nazareth Accordingly, in August of this year he entered upon his eventful school life at Nazareth. Already this lad was a fluent reader, writer, and speaker of two languages, Aramaic and Greek. He was now to acquaint himself with the task of learning to read, write, and speak the Hebrew language. And he was truly eager for the new school life which was ahead of him. For these three years he studied the rudiments of the Book of the Law as it was recorded in the Hebrew tongue. For the following three years he studied in the advanced school and committed to memory, by the method of repeating aloud, the deeper teachings of the sacred law. Beginning with the Book of Leviticus, they passed on to the study of the other books of the law, followed by the study of the Prophets and the Psalms. The Nazareth synagogue possessed a complete copy of the Scriptures in Hebrew. Nothing but the Scriptures was studied prior to the twelfth year. In the summer months the hours for school were greatly shortened.

2: Growing Up with Jesus - Urantianow

Growing Up with Jesus is a fictional story of Jesus when he was a boy. Written from the perspective of Simon Peter, who is ten years older than Jesus, he chronicles the boyhood of Jesus. Simon recounts his relationship with Mary, the mother of Jesus, before Jesus was even born.

Write the Bible verse in the middle of a piece of colorful printer paper. Glue dried flowers around the verse to decorate it. Then glue the sheet to a piece of construction paper to make a frame. Use tacky glue to glue the Spanish moss to the wreath. Spread the glue on the wreath where you would like the moss to stick. Glue the rest of the flower and leaves on to of the moss. Cut away any of the straggly moss to make your wreath look neat. I used dried yellow roses that turned almost orange when I dried them and blue statice. For example, you could say, " His mercy endureth for ever; he has created beautiful flowers for us to enjoy. Keep playing until everyone in the circle has had a chance to add something. Finish by repeating everything everyone has said.

Water Relay Divide your children up into teams and have them line up in rows at one end of the field. Place small plastic jars or watering cans all the same size at the other side of the field opposite from each team and place a bucket of water near each team. Give the first person on each team a plastic flower pot They should have holes in the bottoms. Children take turns dunking the pots in the buckets of water and running across the field to empty them in the jars or watering cans. The team who fills up its pot first wins. Instead of using plastic pots you can use newspaper pots. If you use the newspaper pots let each child makes his or her own pot to use in the relay. The child that blows his seed across the room to the other side first wins. You can use seeds from oranges, pumpkins, beans, etc.

Everlasting Race Divide your children up into two teams and have each team stand in a line. Give the first person in line from each team an everlasting flower such as statice. Make sure they are all about the same size. Tell your children that the first person in each row should pass the flower the next person in the row and each child should keep passing it until it gets to the end of the row. The child who is at the end of the row should then run to the front of the row and pass the flower again. Keep playing until the child who was first in line is first in line again. Tell your children that they get 10 points for being the fastest team and 10 points for having the flower that looks the best after that round. Play five rounds and add up the points. The team with the most points wins.

3: Growing in God's Love Bible Crafts and Activities

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Mary and Joseph search for Jesus. After Herod died, an angel appeared to Joseph in another dream. This time the angel told him to return to the land of Israel. Joseph brought his family back to a city called Nazareth, about a four- or five-day walk from Jerusalem. There Joseph and Mary raised their family Matthew 2: Jesus grew in spiritual strength and wisdom, and God was with Him Luke 2: Passover in Jerusalem Every year His parents and family went to Jerusalem to keep the festival of Passover. Now, when Jesus was 12 years old, it was time to go once again to Jerusalem for this feast. The family packed up and made the journey. It was a long, tiring trip, taking perhaps a few days. People traveled slowly with their families and animals. After the festival was over, they were returning to their home. Many other families were on the roads, too, traveling back to their homes. His parents thought He was with some of their relatives or friends who were traveling with them. They hurried back to Jerusalem to try to find Him. They were very concerned! After three days, they finally found Him in the temple. The adults were amazed! There Jesus was, sitting with the teachers and scholars of the temple. He was listening to them and asking them questions. They were amazed that this young boy was so wise and knew so much. They had never heard one so young ask such good questions and answer their questions so well. When His parents saw Him, they were relieved but still upset. Your father and I have been looking for You. We were very worried about You. Mary, His mother, did wonder about all this, but she kept her thoughts to herself. Jesus always respected and honored His parents and was obedient to them. So He went back home with them to Nazareth. Growing in wisdom and favor As Jesus grew older, He was blessed by God with even more wisdom. He grew in favor with God and people Luke 2: Joseph was a carpenter. Joseph and Mary had at least four other sons and two daughters Matthew When we next read about Jesus, He was about 30 years old. He started preaching about God and His Kingdom all around the countryside. He also chose His disciples. As He preached, great crowds began following Him. He healed the sick, raised up the dead and did other great miracles, which caused many to believe that He was the Son of God. His disciples also believed, and He taught them many things, preparing them for what was coming. He sacrificed His life for us, and by His death, He paid the penalty for our sins. After three days and three nights in the tomb, God raised Him back to life. He now reigns with God in heaven. Questions for discussion Here are some questions to think about or talk about as a family: Why did He stay behind? Do you think His parents were very concerned when they found out He was not with them? Where did they find Him, and what was He doing? Which father was He talking about? Was Jesus different from most other children His age? How was He different?

4: Growing Up with Jesus - Karen Dampier - Häftad () | Bokus

Jesus is growing up. The same Gospels that record the works and sayings on Jesus also record his experiences. Jesus grows in body, mind, and spirit, just as we all should. We are created to grow, change, mature. Our genes hold the blueprint for natural development. Jesus shows us what it means to grow in the faith that God is our heavenly father.

Thankfully, we have four Gospel writers who record a great deal of what took place, including specific details surrounding His birth. There is much we can learn from this fascinating story. An exceptional Child Luke 2: We also see that Jesus was reared in a devoutly religious home, as shown in the next two verses. The story we are exploring involves a family pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the annual feast of Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread and what took place shortly after. Interestingly, social scientists today have confirmed the benefits for children growing up in a religious environment. How could they have gone so far without realizing this? Joseph and Mary were obviously relying on Jesus to act in a responsible manner during the trip home from Jerusalem. They had learned by this time that their oldest child was a very reliable, capable and dependable youth. Had He been unpredictable or immature, then they would have felt the need to oversee His whereabouts more closely. But apparently they had no reason to expect anything out of the ordinary. This was understandable behavior on their part since there was no way they could have envisioned anything other than reliable conduct from their Son and a normal trip home to Nazareth after the Passover festival. They were startled to find that He was not with the caravan; and then, filled with concern, they spent the next day traveling back to Jerusalem amid great consternation hoping to find Him safe. Found in the temple It appears it was on the third day after the festival that they found Him in the temple area. He was not playing with other boys, lost or even scared to be on His own. Truly they were in the presence of a very divinely gifted young man. Once He was located, Joseph and Mary were relieved to find Jesus safe. Mary took the lead in asking what it all meant. It seems Joseph remained quiet for the moment and allowed her to speak for them both. Perhaps it is because Jesus was conceived in her womb or, being a woman, she was the one more emotionally distraught after the days of searching, but Mary now sought an answer from her Son. Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously. Jesus did not give prior warning that He intended to remain in Jerusalem. Perhaps He hoped, that Joseph and Mary would conclude that He had important work to accomplish and that they would not worry when He turned up missing. Spiritual understanding Jesus must have had some very profound conversations with His parents growing up. His mother would have related the story of His birth and what Gabriel said when he appeared to her nine months prior to His birth. He had a strong grasp of His own purpose for being on the earth. The zeal to please His Heavenly Father and do the work of God would have burned strongly in Him even at this time in His young life. So, perhaps Jesus felt His parents, on this occasion, would consider all this and that it would allay any anxiety concerning His whereabouts. Of course, parental concern for their year-old was so strong that they were not fully able to understand what He said to them Luke 2: But for now Jesus determined to return to Nazareth and continue to be subject to Joseph and Mary verse By then He would be ready to face the greatest challenge any man could ever face. Why did Luke record this event? All three of the key players in this account showed godly responses to the circumstances they faced and ended up maturing as individuals. Yet, through it all, no one sinned and the parent-child relationship was strengthened not damaged. They were also helped by the Holy Spirit that came from our Heavenly Father. We hope you do.

5: Jesus Grows Up - Life, Hope & Truth

We heard of Jesus telling stories about seeds and weeds and pigs and figs. We sang about how he loves the little children ("red and yellow, black and white"). Jesus is a staple of popular culture.

We, too, grow physically from childhood to adulthood through physical stages and by the grace of God. Jesus grew in stature. Even more, Luke tells us that Jesus grew up in wisdom. Wisdom is not something that comes without time and experience. Jesus had to grow up into wisdom through days and years, as well as through a variety of life experiences. Although He was fully God, Jesus was also fully man. Just as surely as He experienced the changing seasons of the natural world, Jesus went through physiological changes, experienced relational challenges, and adjusted through the changing stages of human development. Under the guiding presence of His Father, His experiences as time passed became wisdom for Jesus. He grew up in wisdom and stature. Just as Jesus had capacity for physical and mental development, He also had capacity for development in His relationship with the Father and people. With the passing years, there was more room for Jesus to grow with God and people. This was true with Jesus, and it is true with us. Jesus grew in favor with God and people, even as He grew in stature and wisdom. With time, experience and effort, Jesus developed as a whole person. He grew up physically, mentally, spiritually, and relationally. As we live our daily lives, we should ask our Father to help us to grow in the same ways. Take a few moments to consider these practical questions: Am I growing physically by honoring God with my physical body and its development? Am I growing mentally, letting God shape wisdom into my life through my time and experiences? Am I growing spiritually by pursuing daily means for developing a vibrant relationship with my heavenly Father? Am I growing relationally with others by doing what is necessary to cultivate favorable relationships in my family, workplace, neighborhood, and church community?

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It seems like just yesterday, or rather a few days ago that we were all witnesses to his birth and now, through the magic of Scripture, he is twelve years old and wandering off from his parents while on a family trip. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. Then we read the news in verse We are not given much information about how he got separated from his parents or why he stayed behind, but my guess it this is how it happened. In these days, people traveled on a journey together for protection. Life on the road was not easy, and it was very dangerous to be going especially with young children. To get from Galilee to Jerusalem they would have had to go through Samaria, and the people in Samaria did not like their Jewish cousins. There were also robbers and hijackers along the road that would take your money and your donkey. The group would have started early in the morning with the woman and children first and the men following along. As night approached, they would all gather together and rest. Children would move up and down this group visiting with family and friends, and everyone would watch out for them. One day they travel without Jesus, they turn around and spend the next day going back to Jerusalem, and they find him in the temple. There are two ways to look at this story, and we will begin from the view of his parents. They assume that Jesus is with them, and they start towards home with all of their other relatives. As they stop for the first night and gather around the fire, they realize that he is not with them. They start to panic a little, they look around the other groups to see if maybe he is with them, they get slightly more anxious, they cannot find him, the sun has set, and there is nothing else they can do tonight. They try and sleep but toss and turn all night. As soon as dawn breaks they headed back to Jerusalem, alone and unprotected to search for the boy. Their fear must have been at the highest levels. Every step they were asking what might have happened. All sorts of images run through their heads. Each year some 50, children in the US are abducted and know exactly what Mary and Joseph are going through. Verses continues the story. And all who heard his were astonished at his understanding and his answers. Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety. The earliest written documents of the church had no mention about Jesus as a boy or how he grew up. Common wisdom would suggest this is because he grew up as any normal child would have in those days. Luke added this story to his Gospel because were interested in what happened in those lost years of Jesus life. Jesus was no boy wonder. He forgot his parents, and they came looking for him and found him in the Temple after three days of fear-filled searching. Mary told Jesus exactly what he had put them through, as any parent would I am sure. But what about the perspective of Jesus, how did he see this event? He was a child. Perhaps the reason Mary and Joseph did not look for him when they started out on their journey was that they knew he would be with other family members. They take this trip each year, and I am sure this is what would have happened in the past. Being twelve years old, this would have put Jesus halfway between two important categories for Jews, women, and children on one side, men on the other. He was halfway between, not a child anymore but not yet a man. Stuck between and unsure of where he is supposed to be. These words of Jesus are ambiguous, but we have to assume that Mary and Joseph knew what he was saying since they did not question his. But most importantly here, Jesus is not speaking about his earthly father Joseph, but of God his father. Right here in front of us, Jesus is growing up, and he is breaking the emotional ties with his parents. We can see this because he does not feel guilty about what he has put them through. As a younger child he would have been trying to please his parents, but now he is doing the work that he has come for. The real guilt would have come if he had not ventured out on his own and ask questions and to give some answers with the teachers in the Temple. Jesus is not rebelling against his parents; he is growing up. He will go back to Nazareth with them, back into the home that they have made, he will learn the trade of Joseph and obey his parents. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. The same Gospels that record the works and sayings on Jesus also record his experiences. Jesus grows in body, mind, and spirit, just as we all should. We are created to grow, change, mature. Our genes hold the blueprint for natural development. Jesus shows us what it means to

grow in the faith that God is our heavenly father. Like Jesus in this story today, none of us is exactly what our earthly parents want us to be. Sometimes parents want their children to be extensions of themselves. In such a relationship children are just there to finish where their parents began, or to live their parents dreams. Like Jesus, all of us must leave our parents and leave behind the emotional dependence upon them. Some have tried this in many different ways, moving out to our home or getting married and maybe even having our children, but this can get us lost trying to take these shortcuts in our lives. The truth is that we have to be at home with ourselves and with God before we can even think about leaving our parents. Jesus begins to break the emotional ties with his parents, but he does not feel guilty because he is not rebelling against them or their way of life. His parents are confused, but they are not bitter or angry because they know he is not fighting them. He is growing as God intended him to grow. Here is where God has pointed us from our birth, to be standing attentive to God, responsible for ourselves, willing to live with others without blaming them for who they are or what they are not. By doing this, we become less of a burden and more of a delight to those around us. Something needs to happen for us to being this part of the journey. Maturity is when I accept my identity from God, an identity that started that started with but is not limited to my original family. Perhaps the New Year is an opportunity to leave our parents, to stop blaming them or excusing ourselves, and, like Jesus, to place our ultimate trust only in God as our living parent. We have just experienced the birth of Christ, and now we watch him grow.

7: Jesus's™ Childhood - Life, Hope & Truth

A promo video for the book "Growing Up With Jesus". This is a fictional tale about the childhood years of Jesus. The target age is years old.

Satan is also our enemy from the day we are born again, but God is greater than Satan 1 John 4: God will not allow Satan to ruin His plans for Jesus or for those who trust Him today. In this chapter we want to see Jesus in His growing up years. What can we learn about His childhood and boyhood as He grew from an infant to a child, from a child to a teenager and from a teenager to a young man? Perhaps this will show us something about how we should grow up as we go from stage to stage, from one year to the next. The Bible says very little about the years when Jesus was growing up. How old was Jesus when He began His public ministry Luke 3: Can a young child 3 years old, 5 years old, 7 years old, 9 years old, 11 years old, etc. Can you grow in wisdom right now? Is wisdom being able to multiply 28 by 14? Is wisdom being able to learn facts about history and science? Does wisdom have anything to do with God Proverbs 9: Wisdom is taking knowledge and using it in the right way, in a way that honors God and helps other people. How old does a person need to be before he or she can do right and live right? If boys and girls are old enough to do wrong, are they also old enough to do right? If boys and girls are able to read storybooks, comics and other books, are they also able to read their Bibles? If a young person at age 11 never reads his Bible, do you think he will read it when he is age 18? If boys and girls are old enough to talk, are they also old enough to pray? Are you old enough to do these things? God knows just what we go through! The One who died on the cross was once a boy Himself and He has a special interest in boys and girls, as well as in grown up people. He had parents like you do Luke 2: He had brothers and sisters like you do Mark 6: How old are you right now? The following diagram may be helpful: The Lord Jesus, as He grew up, made steady progress in these four areas of life. He made progress physically, mentally, socially and spiritually. What occupation helped Him to grow physically Mark 6: That is, can a person be very intelligent know a lot about different things and yet not relate to and get along with other people very well? We learn in Luke 2: This means that He put Himself under the authority of Joseph and His mother and He was obedient to them. He honored His mother and father. As a boy and as a teen, He did not rebel and disobey. He perfectly obeyed his parents see Colossians 3: What kind of son or daughter are you? Most of the time obedient and subject to parents b. Usually obedient and subject to parents c. Sometimes obedient and subject to parents d. Rarely obedient and subject to parents If you are old enough to disobey, are you also old enough to obey? When Joseph and Mary started on their return trip, what did Jesus do Luke 2: How long did it take to find Him Luke 2: These men were not medical doctors but they were teachers. They were Jewish men who studied and taught the Old Testament. Probably the questions Jesus asked showed so much understanding and wisdom that the teachers began to ask Him questions! Does God desire boys and girls ages 9 through 12 to have understanding and to have answers? Does God want this for you? Do you want answers? Do you ask questions? If not, why not? Does asking questions always mean that you will understand things right away? Each time we think and ask questions and look for answers, we understand a little more. Jesus had a Heavenly Father! Mary and Joseph should have known where Jesus was! He was not lost. He was in the right place, doing the right thing! Where do your parents find you? When they find you, what do they find you doing? Do they find you in the right place doing the right thing? Do your parents find you concerned about the things of the heavenly Father? Do they ever find you reading your Bible? Do they ever find you praying? Do they ever find you helping someone in need? Do they ever find you talking to a friend about the Lord? If they were to find you at school, would they find you in the right place doing the right thing? Whose business will they find you concerned about? The boy Jesus proved that it is possible for every boy and girl to be in the right place doing the right thing. May God make this true for you! Suppose we were to make up a story about the childhood of Jesus. What would our story be like? Would we have Jesus perform many miracles when He was just a boy? Would we make him like a "super-hero" with all kinds of superhuman powers? A long time ago people who did not even know Jesus made up stories about His childhood. Here is one example. It is from a false gospel, called "The Gospel of Thomas": When this boy Jesus was five years old

he was playing at the ford of a brook, and he gathered together into pools the water that flowed by, and made it at once clean He made soft clay and fashioned from it twelve sparrows And there were also many other children playing with him. Now when a certain Jew saw what Jesus was doing in his play on the Sabbath, he at once went and told his father Joseph: The Jews were amazed when they saw this. But the son of Annas the scribe was standing there with Joseph; and he took a branch of a willow and with it dispersed the water which Jesus had gathered together. When Jesus saw what he had done he was enraged and said to him: See, now you also shall wither like a tree and shall bear neither leaves nor root nor fruit. But the parents of him that was withered took him away, bewailing his youth, and brought him to Joseph and reproached him: Jesus was exasperated and said to him: But some, who saw what took place, said: For he is slaying our children. Schneemelcher; Philadelphia, Westminster Press,] Consider the following: This is not the inspired Word of God; it is a made up story by people who had no idea what Jesus was really like. The Bible does not give us any examples of Jesus performing miracles when he was a boy. Instead it tells us that His first miracle took place at a wedding in Cana when Jesus was about 30 years old John 2: The miracles of Jesus always were done for a purpose to do good to someone, to communicate a message, etc. Making clay birds become alive and fly away is certainly dazzling, but what good purpose does it accomplish? Apparently Jesus had dammed up the water, but a friend came along and broke the dam with the branch of a tree. Jesus became so angry that he verbally attacked the boy, called him bad names and then caused him to wither up completely killed him? What lesson is there in this for boys and girls? Do we want them to seek revenge anytime a playmate messes with their toys? If a child builds a sandcastle and another child steps on it, should the first child try to kill the one who played such a prank? Is this the lesson a child should learn from what Jesus did in this story? Is this teaching love and forgiveness and forbearance?

8: Luke And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Jesus grew in spiritual strength and wisdom, and God was with Him. Passover in Jerusalem. Every year His parents and family went to Jerusalem to keep the festival of Passover. Now, when Jesus was 12 years old, it was time to go once again to Jerusalem for this feast. The family packed up and made the journey.

And, even, also, namely. A man, one of the human race. From aner and ops; man-faced, i. With Him, as with others, wisdom widened with the years, and came into His human soul through the same channels and by the same processes as into the souls of others--instruction, e. In striking contrast with the true record of the growth of the Son of Man, is that which grew out of the fantastic imaginations of the writers of the Apocryphal Gospels. In favour with God and man. The boy grew into youth, and the young man into manhood, and the purity and lowliness and unselfish sympathy drew even then the hearts of all men. In that highest instance, as in all lower analogies, men admired holiness till it became aggressive, and then it roused them to an antagonism bitter in proportion to their previous admiration. On the history of the eighteen years that followed, see Excursus on Matthew 2. Pulpit Commentary Verse Another of these little word-paintings of St. Luke in which the work and progress of long years is depicted. The purpose of this brief statement is clear. The evangelist would teach us that, with Jesus, bodily development proceeded in the same orderly fashion as it does with other men, while wisdom - deepening with the years - passed into his soul as it passes into the souls of other men, by the ordinary channels of instruction, study, and thought. On the last words, "in favor with God and man," Dean Plumptre very beautifully writes, "The Boy grew into youth, and the young Man into manhood, and his purity and lowliness and unselfish sympathy drew even then the hearts of all men. The word in the original, Englished by "stature" some scholars translate by "age;" either rendering is permissible, but the word used in the English Version is better fitted for the context of the passage. Matthew Henry Commentary 2: His parents did not return till they had stayed all the seven days of the feast. It is well to stay to the end of an ordinance, as becomes those who say, It is good to be here. Those that have lost their comforts in Christ, and the evidences of their having a part in him, must bethink themselves where, and when, and how they lost them, and must turn back again. Those that would recover their lost acquaintance with Christ, must go to the place in which he has put his name; there they may hope to meet him. They found him in some part of the temple, where the doctors of the law kept their schools; he was sitting there, hearkening to their instructions, proposing questions, and answering inquiries, with such wisdom, that those who heard were delighted with him. Young persons should seek the knowledge of Divine truth, attend the ministry of the gospel, and ask such questions of their elders and teachers as may tend to increase their knowledge. Those who seek Christ in sorrow, shall find him with the greater joy. Though he was the Son of God, yet he was subject to his earthly parents; how then will the foolish and weak sons of men answer it, who are disobedient to their parents? That which at first is dark, may afterwards become plain and easy. The greatest and wisest, those most eminent, may learn of this admirable and Divine Child, that it is the truest greatness of soul to know our own place and office; to deny ourselves amusements and pleasures not consistent with our state and calling.

9: Growing Up With Jesus - Rev. Peter M Preble | Rev. Peter M Preble

["Growing Up With Jesus" is a show about everyday Christian life and what it is like to grow up with Jesus in your life. We know it is important to give God reverence as Holy, but He also gave us.

Squirmy children in Sunday school sing of a Jesus who loves them. Dour scholars in the academy debate the Jesus of history versus the Christ of faith. And in a thousand other diverse settings, this peasant carpenter from Nazareth continues to fascinate and intrigue us. Jesus is the central figure in Western civilization, and now his name is invoked by the faithful in far-flung lands. Our culture gives us glimpses of Jesus at almost every turn--in film, art and music. Yet do we all see the same Jesus? After two millennia of probing and pleading, the question remains: No one seems able to get the last word. The struggle to understand Jesus revolutionized their whole concept of God--and by implication their model of the kind of universe we live in. Most of us grew up with Jesus--or at least with some image of him. We imagined him lying in the manger. We heard stories of his childhood, getting "lost" in the temple, and we remembered being lost ourselves, wandering around the grocery store among the unfamiliar legs of adults. We heard of Jesus telling stories about seeds and weeds and pigs and figs. We sang about how he loves the little children "red and yellow, black and white". Jesus is a staple of popular culture. He was a "Superstar" back then. With the spread of cable TV, it was Jesus in the hands of the televangelists that most people remember. His name was crooned, shouted and said in a thousand ways. To guarantee health and prosperity for some, and to motivate others to care for the poor. To call modern sinners back to old-time religion, and to save them from judgment by old-time religion. To inspire Marxist-style revolution, and to secure conservative devotion to the American Dream. The most educated seemed no less interested in understanding Jesus than the least educated. Of course, Jesus himself might well be uncomfortable with the endless abstract speculation and controversy about his identity. He might tell us that the best way to learn about him would be simply to try doing what he taught, living as he lived, loving as he loved. But Jesus would certainly interpret our varied ways of trying to get a glimpse of him--whether in art or scholarship--in the most compassionate way possible. As he did with Zaccheus, Jesus would reward our sincere and energetic eagerness to see him. He would know the limitations of our perspectives. He would invite himself over to eat in our home today.

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