

THE BOY AT THE TEMPLE

Luke 2:41-52

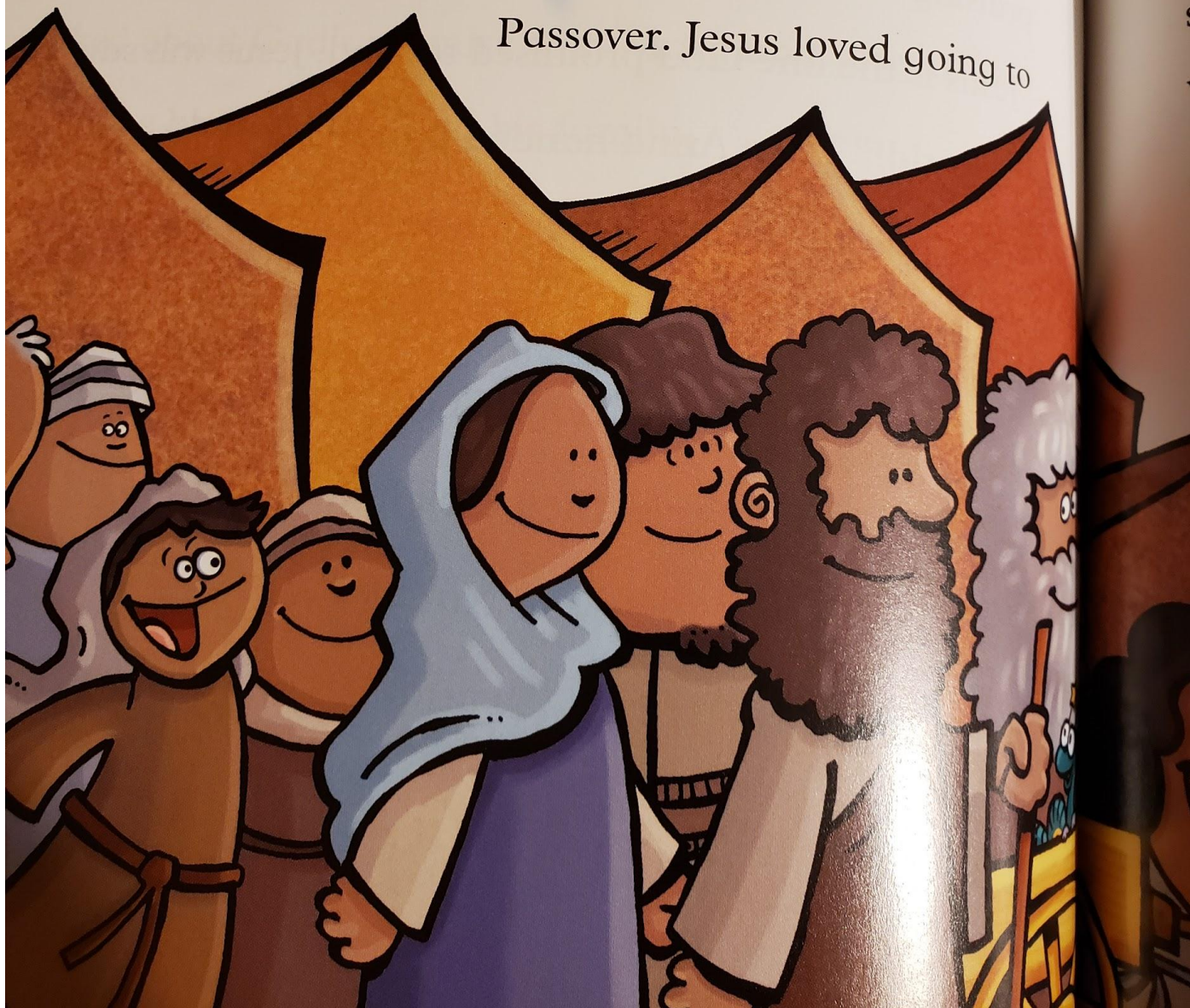
ICE BREAKER

What job does your mom do that you are really glad you don't have to do?

i.e. cleaning the toilet, saying no, ironing, cooking, etc.

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Every year Jesus' family traveled from their home
in Nazareth to Jerusalem to celebrate the festival of
Passover. Jesus loved going to



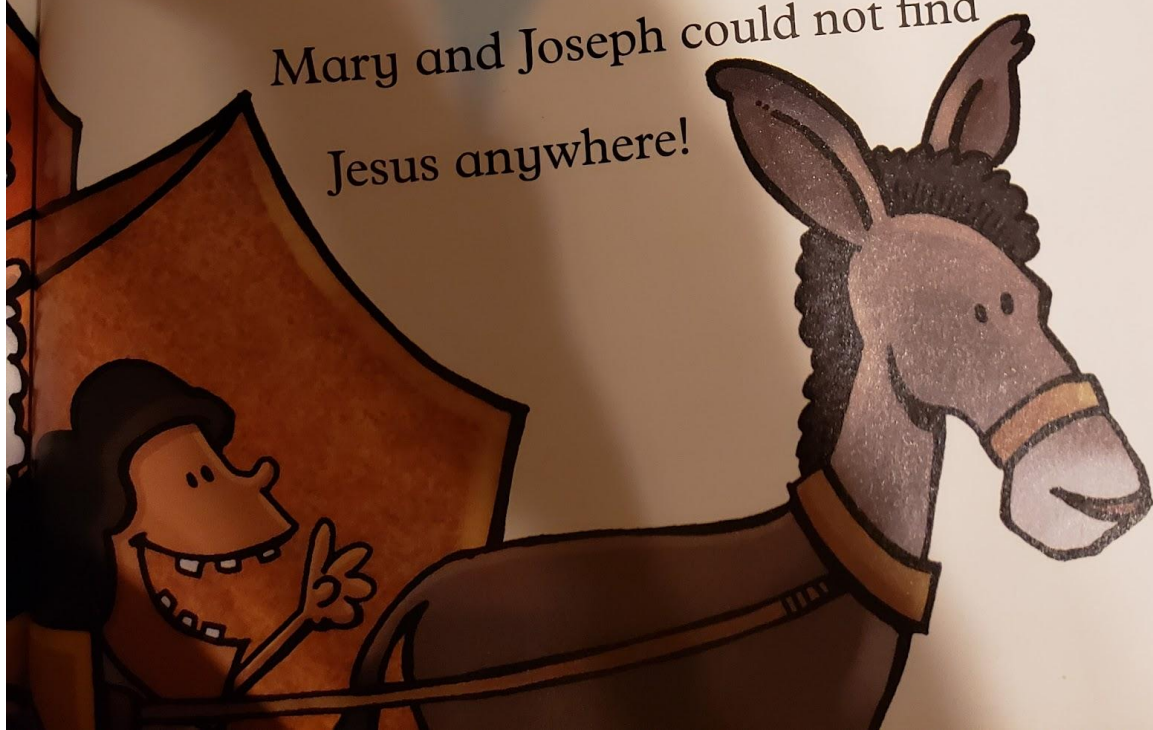
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STORY

1. Where was Jesus and his family going?

the festival. He loved the crowds of people. He loved the noise and bustle of activity. And he loved spending time in the temple.

One year, when Jesus was 12, the festival began like any other. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus enjoyed the sights, sounds, and activities of the festival together. When the festival was over, Mary and Joseph joined others from Nazareth for the long walk home. But when the group stopped to camp at the end of the first day,

Mary and Joseph could not find Jesus anywhere!



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STORY

2. What did Jesus do to upset his mother?

3. Why do you think Jesus liked to be in the temple?

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Everyone thought he had been walking with someone else in the group. "Jeeeeeesuuuuusss!" yelled his parents. "Jesus, where are you?"

Mary and Joseph were frantic! They quickly walked back to Jerusalem looking for him. They searched the city high and low for three whole days until they found Jesus in the temple. Mary and Joseph were surprised at what they saw. Jesus was in the temple, talking with teachers more than twice his age! He was just a boy, but he could talk about God with a room full of grown-ups! The teachers in the temple were impressed with what Jesus knew. Mary and Joseph were proud, but they were

still a bit angry with Jesus. "Jesus, why weren't you with us? We have been looking all over for you," Mary and Joseph exclaimed.



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STORY

4. What mistakes did Mary make?

5. How did Mary let her anxiety get in the way of trusting God?

Jesus replied, "Why were you looking for me?

Didn't you understand that I was in my Father's house?"

Mary and Joseph didn't understand, but with that, they gathered their belongings and began the long walk back home.

★ What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "I was in my Father's house"?



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STORY

6. Where was Jesus all along?

7. What did Jesus choose to do after his mother made these mistakes?

8. What do you think Jesus Meant when he said I am in my father's house?

MEMORY VERSE

Leviticus 19:3a

Each of you must respect your mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbath. I am the Lord your God

- 1. Does your mom ever make mistakes?*
- 2. Why do you think that it's important to respect and love your mom, even though she isn't perfect.*
- 3. Are you perfect?*

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CRAFT ACTIVITIES

5 EASY MOTHER'S DAY CRAFTS | EASY CRAFTS MOTHER'S DAY PRESCHOOLERS

Draw a picture of you and your mom (or another guardian) doing something together that you love to do.

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CRAFT ACTIVITES

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY MOM

CHILDREN'S PRAYER MOMENT

(HAVE KIDS REPEAT EACH LINE)

Dear God,

Thank you for the time we spend together to learn more about you. Help me to respect my mother and father even when it is difficult.

In Jesus' name,

Amen