

HOME ALONE

LUKE 2:41-52

**Jesus grew in awareness of
His own identity as God's unique Son.**

Luke 2:40-52

- Jesus pressed into deeper understanding of Scripture.
Luke 1:46-47
- Jesus prioritized His unique relationship with the Father.
Luke 2:48-49
- Jesus submitted to God's plan for His life.
Luke 2:49-52



FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Luke 2:41-45. Have you ever lost a child? What do you think Joseph and Mary were going through? How was this different from their regular home life?
2. How does Luke 2:40 and Luke 2:52 help us see the point of this story? How does it impact you to see that Jesus had to grow just as any other human had to grow?
3. What do you think it was like for Jesus to experience growth physically, intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually?
4. How would you explain the idea that Jesus is One Person with two natures (a human nature and a divine nature) to someone else? (see Phil 2:6-7; Mark 13:32; John 1:1, 14, 18; Luke 10:22; 1 John 1:1-3; Heb 5:7-8, 4:15)
5. Do you think you tend to focus more on the divinity of Jesus or the humanity of Jesus? How might this affect your relationship with Him?
6. Considering the three ways we see Jesus' growing self-awareness work itself out, which stands out to you? Why? How is Jesus an example to you?
7. Why do you think Jesus says that He "must" be in his Father's house in 2:49? How does Luke's usage of this word help us to see Jesus' point? (see Luke 4:43, 9:22, 13:33, 17:25, 22:37, 24:7, 24:26, 24:44)
8. How can you follow Jesus by submitting to God's plan for your life this week?

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