

# SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

LUKE 2:41-52

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In this week's Gospel, Jesus travels with his mom and dad to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Passover. In those days, families would travel in large groups or *caravans*. Mary and Joseph, their friends and family packed up after their visit and began the journey home. They soon realized that Jesus was missing. For three days they looked for twelve year old Jesus, only to find him in the temple. When Mary and Joseph asked, "Son, why have you done this?" Jesus responded, "Did you not know I would be in my Father's house?"

Jesus directly tells Mary and Joseph that he was exactly here he was meant to be: in the temple learning and questioning the teachers (wise men who were also astounded at the depth of knowledge of this mere boy). On this Feast Day we celebrate the Holy Family and this milestone in Jesus' life, where he acknowledges not only his earthly parents, but God as his Father!

### FOR MORE FUN

This week we conclude our Joyful Mysteries with this Gospel reading - The Finding in the Temple. Read the passage again, and talk with someone about what that was like for Mary and Joseph! They must have been frightened and afraid when they could not find Jesus!

New Years is a time when many people make resolutions to do something different! This year, consider adopting a NEW habit - praying the Rosary with your family! You can start with one decade or pray the whole Rosary!



The Fifth Joyful Mystery, *The Finding in the Temple*  
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