

YOUNG JESUS

LUKE 2:39-52



CHARACTERS

▶ **Jesus:** The Messiah, the Son of the living God. He emptied himself of His divine rights and assumed humanity. In childhood, he showed obedience to God through obedience to Joseph and Mary. As he matured, he began to transition to exclusive obedience to His Father in Heaven and occupied his time with pursuing God's will and calling.

Mary and Joseph: The earthly parents of Jesus. They had a great love for their son and raised Him in a manner pleasing to God. Mary was told that Jesus would be heir to the throne of King David and would be the Savior of the world, but that this calling, combined with her devotion, would produce a conflict that would one day cause her grief. The anxiety and pain of searching for her missing son would not compare to the sorrow she would one day endure when she would be a witness to her beloved son's crucifixion.

MEMORY VERSE

▶ **Luke 2:49:** And He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

OVERVIEW

▶ **Read Luke 2:39-52:** It's the time of the Passover, the great celebration of God's deliverance! Anticipation and excitement grew as Mary and Joseph, young Jesus, and other family and friends arrived in the great city of Jerusalem to begin the festivities. The event concluded after seven days, and the great caravan of people made their way back to Nazareth. Mary and Joseph assumed that Jesus was somewhere in the large group, until one day into the journey, they looked for Him but could not find Him. For two days, they searched for Him until they finally found Him in the temple in Jerusalem. Their distress turned to relief and then amazement as they discovered their son engaging in discourse well beyond his years. Mary asked Jesus why He had caused them so much grief by not being with the rest of the group as was expected. Jesus answered her, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" With this rhetorical statement, Jesus quietly announced to Mary and Joseph that He is, in fact, the Son of God.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 1



Q1a: Where did Jesus and his family go to celebrate the Passover?

A1: Jerusalem

Q1b: Have you ever taken a trip to a fun vacation spot?

TN: This question will get students thinking about the journey Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were taking. The trip was long, but it was for a fun and festive purpose.

SLIDE 2



Q2a: How long did the Passover celebration last?

A2: Seven days

Q2b: What is your favorite part of your favorite holiday celebration?

TN: This question will get students thinking about traditional ways to celebrate specific holidays.

SLIDE 3



Q3a: Where did Mary and Joseph go to look for Jesus?

A3: They retraced their steps back to the city.

Q3b: Have you ever been lost?

TN: Jesus wasn't lost, but his parents didn't know where He was, or that He wasn't in danger. Remembering how they felt when they were lost will help students to relate to the terror Mary and Joseph felt as they searched for Jesus.



QUESTION & ANSWER



Q4a: How long did Mary and Joseph search for Jesus?

A4: Two days



Q5a: How did Jesus respond to His mother's statements about being worried?

A5: He said he had been in His Father's house the whole time.

Q5b: Have you ever looked everywhere for something only to find it where it belongs?

TN: Students had the advantage of knowing where the item belonged, but Mary and Joseph were just learning their son's purpose on this earth. Jesus' question to them: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" didn't make sense to them. His question made as much sense to Mary and Joseph as it would for someone to ask you why you didn't look for the TV remote in the refrigerator.

Q6a: How did Jesus show His obedience to His Father?



A6: He said and did only what His Father commanded Him to do.



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BIG IDEA

- ▶ Jesus grew in favor with God and men, and so can we!

CLOSING PRAYER

- ▶ Dear Lord Jesus, we pray that You would reveal Yourself to us, that we would know Your voice and follow You, and that we would uncover great and priceless gifts of Your plan for us. Please help us to see You clearly. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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ANSWER KEY

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

2. And Mary treasured all these things in her **(Heart)**.
5. Mary, Joseph, and young Jesus left Jerusalem and headed to what town? **(Nazareth)**
6. How old was Jesus when he made the trip to Passover in this story? **(Twelve)**
8. Where was the Passover celebration located? **(Jerusalem)**
9. Jesus responds to Mary, "Where else would I be but in my Father's house." Which father is Jesus referring to? **(God)**

Down

1. Where did Mary and Joseph finally find Jesus? **(Temple)**
3. Passover is a celebration of God delivering Israel, from the **(Slavery)** of Egypt.
4. What is the name of the feast (festival) that Mary, Joseph, and young Jesus travel to in this story? **(Passover)**
7. Mary was distraught when she realized young Jesus was **(Missing)**.

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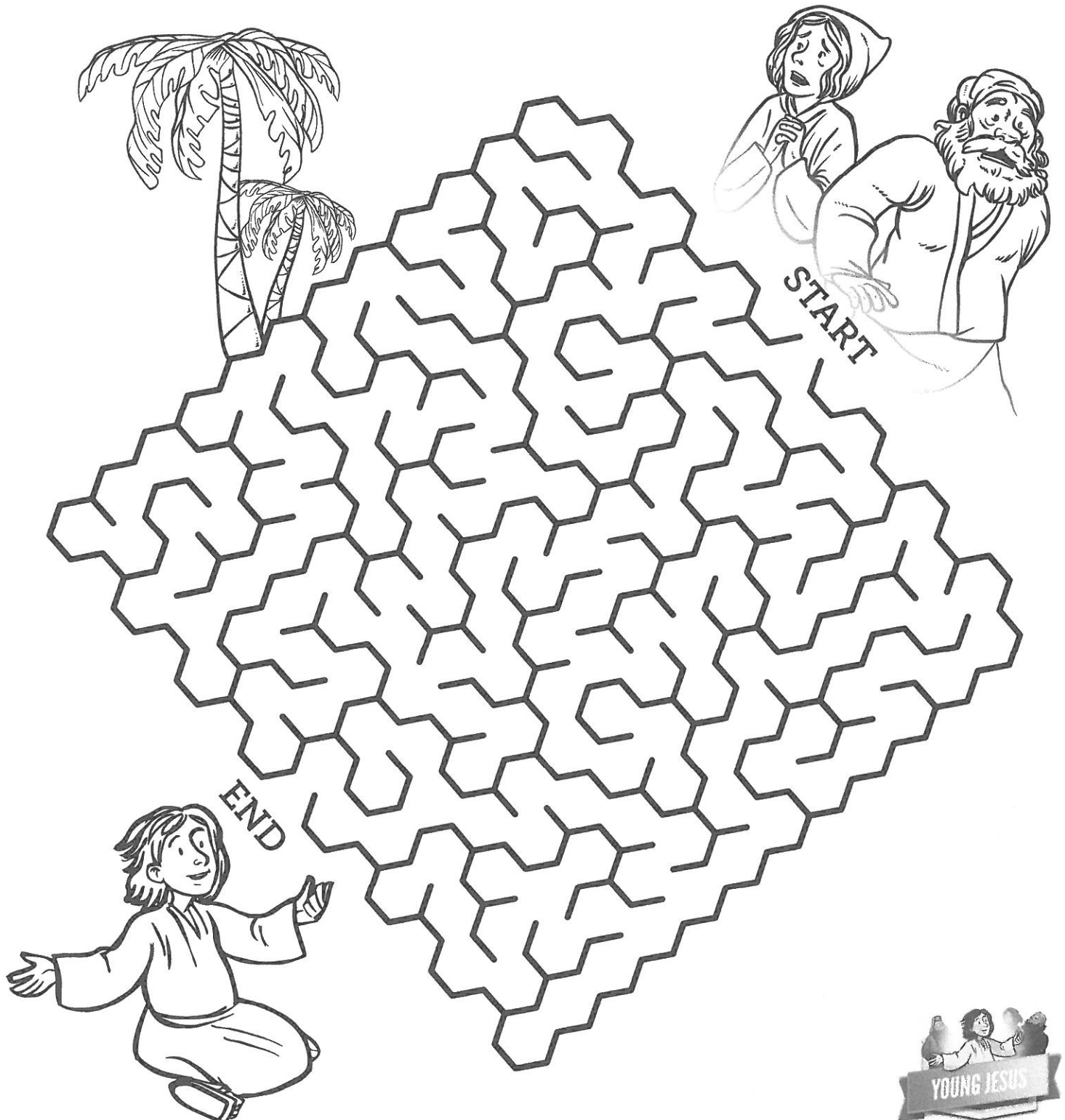
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Help Mary and Joseph search for young Jesus



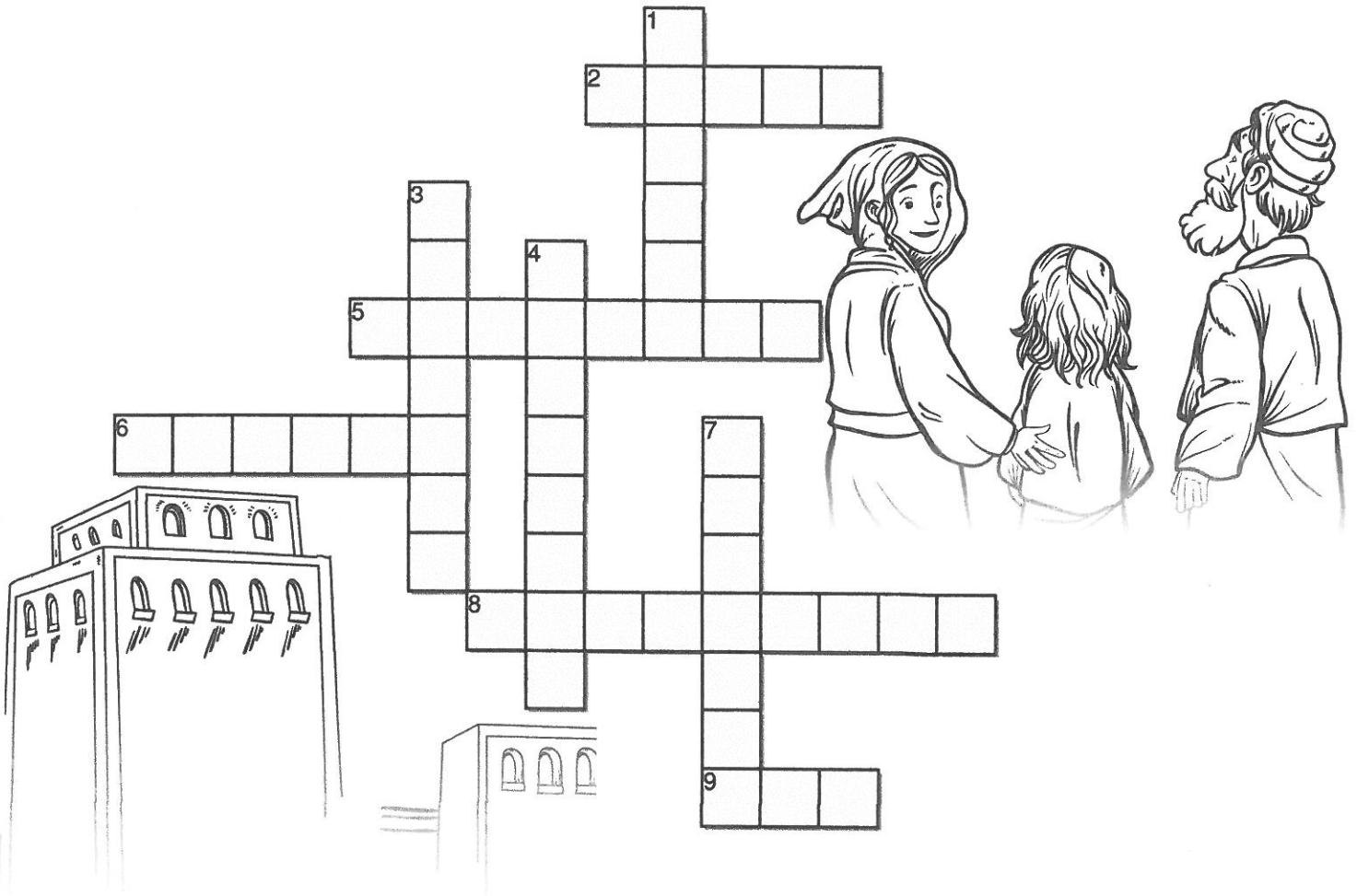
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Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



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Discover the hidden words.



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Word Bank

HEART

NAZARETH

TWELVE

JERUSALEM

JESUS

YOUNG

MARY

JOSEPH

TEMPLE

SLAVERY

PASSOVER

FESTIVAL

