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Jesus in the Temple – Dot-to-Dot and Coloring Page

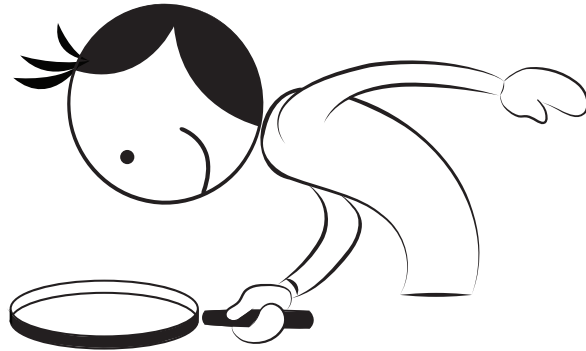
When Jesus was a boy, his family went to the temple. But when it was time to go home, Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus! Can you find him on the page? Connect the dots and color Jesus. Then color the rest of the page.



5B

Solve the Code – Puzzle

Today, your class will have fun doing a treasure hunt. Your job will be to find Jesus hidden in your church building. To begin, find the coded message below. You will need to create the code. Take a sheet of paper and write out the alphabet. Then put numbers next to the letters following this pattern: A = 26, B = 25 . . . Y = 2, Z = 1.



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Finding Jesus Treasure Hunt – Puzzle

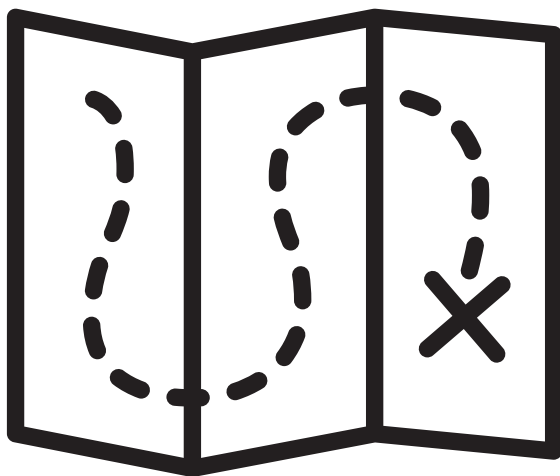
This week your class will go on a treasure hunt to find Jesus. Read the information below. As an older member of the class, your job will be to help the whole class put a series of puzzles and codes together to find where Jesus is hidden in your church.

Story Background

Every year Jesus went to the temple with his parents to celebrate Passover. When Jesus was twelve, Jesus and his family made the trip to the temple as they did each year. But when it was time to return home to Nazareth, Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus! Jesus' parents began looking for him all over. Where could he be?

Three days went by. Finally, Mary and Joseph found him! He was in the temple talking to the leaders and teachers about God! Jesus understood a lot about God and God's law. The leaders in the temple were amazed. Mary said, "Why have you done this to us?"

Jesus said, "Didn't you know that I had to be in my Father's house?" Jesus understood that God was his Father. Jesus returned home with Mary and Joseph. Jesus continued to grow and become wise. He grew to become a man. God was pleased with Jesus.



The Treasure Hunt

To begin the treasure hunt, bring the class together. Explain that your class will be searching for Jesus somewhere in the church building today.

The preschoolers may have colored a picture of today's Bible story. Look at the pictures with the rest of the class. Tell the Bible story to the class using the information you read on this page.

Finally, have the younger elementary kids share the message that they decoded (from 5B). Follow the directions given in the decoded message.

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Color the Bible – Treasure Hunt

Color the Bible on this page. When you have finished coloring the Bible, your teacher will tell you what to do next to find a clue for your treasure hunt.



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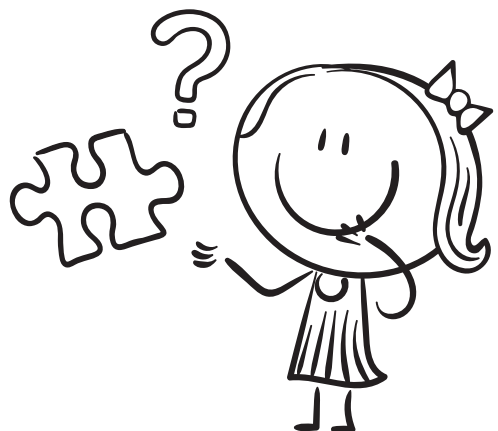
Treasure Hunt Code – Treasure Hunt Activity

Later this month, we will learn that Jesus read a passage from the Bible in his hometown. Jesus went into the synagogue as he had many, many times before. The synagogue is where Jewish people came together to worship on the Sabbath day. Solve the code below. The answer will tell you the Bible passage that Jesus read in the synagogue. To solve the code, write the letters of the alphabet. Then assign each letter a number following this pattern: A = 26, B = 25 . . . Y = 2, and Z = 1. This is the same code used on page 5B.

18 - 8 - 26 - 18 - 26 - 19

8 - 18 - 3 - 7 - 2 12 - 13 - 22

What answer did you find in the coded message? Write it below.



Now, ask your teacher for Clue 2!

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Jesus in the Temple – Luke 2:41-52

Every year Jesus went to the temple with his parents to celebrate Passover.

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But when it was time to return home to Nazareth, Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus!

Jesus' parents began looking for him all over. Where could he be?

Three days went by. Finally, Mary and Joseph found him!

He was in the temple talking to the leaders and teachers about God! Jesus understood a lot about God and God's laws. Jesus asked the leaders really great questions about God.

The leaders in the temple were amazed.

Mary said, "Why have you done this to us?"

Jesus said, "Didn't you know that I had to be in my Father's house?" Jesus understood that God was his Father.

Jesus returned home with Mary and Joseph. Jesus continued to grow and become wise.

He grew to become a man. God was pleased with Jesus.



Family Spiritual Practice

Bible Passage: Luke 2:41-52

Wonder: After reading the Bible story from the Bible or from the *Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook*, wonder together. **Ask:** What would you ask the leaders at our church?

Do: Together, take a prayer walk through your neighborhood. Pray for your neighbors as you walk.

Pray: Dear God, thank you for journeying with us as we grow in love. Amen.

5G

Questions of Faith

Jesus talked with the teachers of his faith. He told them what he thought about God, and he asked questions about his faith. If you could ask any question about God, church, the Bible, or your faith, what would you ask? Write your question below and then ask one of your adults what they think. You all may learn something new together.

