

Growing up Jesus:

1) His **unremarkable** childhood **resembled** others:

⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. **vs 40-45**

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2) His **unparalleled** wisdom **fascinated** all who heard

⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. **vs 46-47**

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3) His **unfolding** independence **frustrated** his parents:

⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him: Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress. ⁴⁹And he said to them: Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house? ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. **vs 48-50**

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4) His **unassuming** ways & growth found **favor** w/all:

⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man. **vs 51-52**

Parents Takeaway:

God has a plan and purpose unique for each child. They are not our 'clay' to be molded into what we think best. Seek God's wisdom and insight as you look for your child's unique temperament, gifts, and passions – then:

"Train up a child in the way that he/she should go, and when they are old, they will not depart from it" **Prov. 22:6**

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." **Eph. 6:4**

***We can't instruct in the Lord if we are unfamiliar with Him**

Children's Takeaway:

The process of growing up in your home under your parents prepares you for independence, but it does not nullify your obligation to submit to your parents – If any one person in the world had the maturity and moral right to rule his home as a teenager it was Jesus. Yet –

"He was submissive to them". **Luke 2:48**

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise—so that it may go well with you..."

Eph. 6:1-3a