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WALKING ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS

Mary & Joseph's Journey to Jerusalem

Luke 2:48–49

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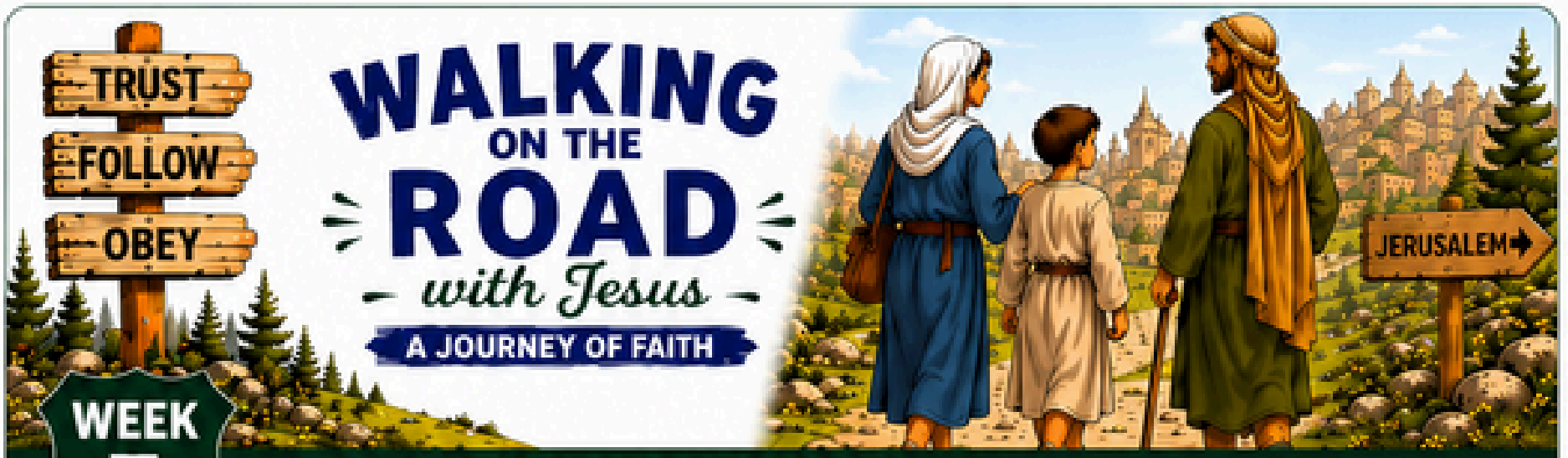

WEEK 7

JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

LUKE 2:48–49

MEMORY VERSE

"Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

Luke 2:49 (NIV)

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BOTTOM LINE

When we seek God,
He helps us know
what is true.

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY

Every year Mary and Joseph traveled to Jerusalem for Passover.

After the celebration, they began the journey home. They thought Jesus was traveling with relatives and friends, but He had stayed behind in the Temple.

After searching for Him, they found Him listening, asking questions, and learning from the teachers.

When Mary asked why He had stayed behind, Jesus answered, "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

Jesus wanted people to understand God's truth. Even as a child, He loved learning about His Father and helping others know Him too.

TIME BREAKDOWN

Welcome & Hook	3 min
Bible Story	8 min
Main Activity	10 min
Teaching Connection	3 min
Prayer & Wrap-Up	1 min

TOTAL: 25 MINUTES

KEY POINTS

- ✓ Jesus wanted to know His Father's truth.
- ✓ Jesus spent time listening, learning, and asking questions.
- ✓ God's truth helps guide us on our journey.
- ✓ We grow in truth when we pray, read God's Word, and learn about Him.
- ✓ Seeking God's truth helps us make wise choices.

WHAT THIS MEANS

There are many voices telling us what to think and what matters most.

Jesus shows us where to look for truth. When we spend time with God, we learn who He is, how much He loves us, and how He wants us to live.

God's truth helps light our path.

MAIN ACTIVITY TRUTH SEEKERS

Hide cards around the room with the following words or phrases:

LISTEN CAREFULLY
Jesus listened carefully to the teachers.

ASK QUESTIONS
Jesus asked questions to understand God's truth.

LEARN ABOUT GOD
Jesus wanted to learn more about His Father.

SEEK TRUTH
Jesus intentionally sought God's truth.

GROW IN WISDOM
Jesus grew in wisdom as He learned.

FOLLOW GOD
God's truth helps us follow Him and make wise choices.

Children search for the cards. After each one is found, read it together and discuss how it connects to the story.

♥ **What does this teach us about Jesus and about us?**

Teaching Point: Jesus was listening, learning, asking questions, and seeking God's truth. We can seek God's truth too!

TEACHING CONNECTION

Jesus wasn't lost—He was exactly where He needed to be.

He was listening, learning, and asking questions because He wanted to know His Father's truth.

God invites us to seek Him too.

The more we seek Him, the more we discover who He is.

God's truth guides us on our journey and helps us make wise choices.

OPTIONAL TEACHING ILLUSTRATION LOOKING CLOSER

Show a magnifying glass. Let children examine a few simple objects such as:

- A leaf • A feather • A coin
- A Bible verse written in small print

Ask:

- ♥ What did you notice when you looked more closely?
- ♥ Could you see those details before?
- ♥ Why do people use magnifying glasses?

Explain:

A magnifying glass helps us see things more clearly.

Jesus spent time in the Temple listening, learning, and asking questions because He wanted to know His Father better.

When we spend time with God, we discover things we might not notice otherwise.

Seeking God's truth means looking closely, listening carefully, and learning more about Him.

Teaching Point:

The more we seek God, the more we discover who He is and what is true.

PRAYER & WRAP-UP

Dear God,
Thank You for Your truth.
Help us to seek You every day.
Teach us more about You as we read
Your Word, pray, and listen.
Thank You for loving us and guiding us.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

SEEK HIM

TRUST
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A JOURNEY OF FAITH

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JOURNEY TALK

Ask together:

- Why do you think Jesus asked questions in the Temple?
- What is something you would like to know about God?
- How can asking questions help us learn?
- What is something you discovered recently?
- How can we seek God's truth every day?

FAMILY ACTIVITY
ASK & DISCOVER

Place questions in a jar and take turns drawing them.

QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD

- What is something you would like to know about God?
- What does it mean to trust God?
- What is your favorite Bible story?
- What is one question you would ask Jesus?

WONDER QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD'S CREATION

- What is your favorite thing God created?
- What is something in nature that makes you wonder?
- What is something you would like to learn about God's world?
- What does a flower, bird, or star tell us about God?

FAMILY REMINDER: God gave us curious minds. Asking questions helps us learn more about Him and the world He created.

JOURNEY TRUTH

Jesus helps us seek God's truth.

We can learn about God through:

His Word · Prayer · Listening · Asking Questions · Exploring His Creation

The more we seek Him, the more we discover who He is.

FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank You for helping us learn about You.
Give us hearts that want to listen, learn, and grow.
Help us ask good questions and seek Your truth every day.
Thank You for guiding us on our journey.
We love You.
Amen.

CREATION CLUES

Show a few objects from nature:

Ask:

- What details do you notice?
- What do these tell us about the God who made them?

Teaching Point:
Every part of creation points us to the Creator.

LOOKING AHEAD

This Week's Journey Challenge

Choose one way to seek God this week:

Read a Bible story · Ask a question about God · Pray · Explore something God created · Share something you learned

At the end of the week ask:

What did I discover about God this week?

SEEK HIM