

"WHEN JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM"

1. When have you ever drawn a picture of Jesus? What did He look like? Why? What is the strangest picture or depiction of Jesus that you have seen? What might have influenced that depiction?

2. How can we avoid adapting Jesus to fit our cultural norms and ensure that we understand and embrace Him in His Jewish context?

3. Consider the significance of Jesus' upbringing in a devout Jewish family and community. How do you think this influenced His understanding of the Scriptures and His relationship with God?

4. Discuss the implications of Jesus being "filled with wisdom" at a young age. What does this teach us about the importance of studying and knowing God's Word?

5. Discuss the importance of memorizing and internalizing Scripture, as seen in Jesus' life and the emphasis on studying the Torah in Jewish education. How can memorization of Scripture benefit our spiritual growth?

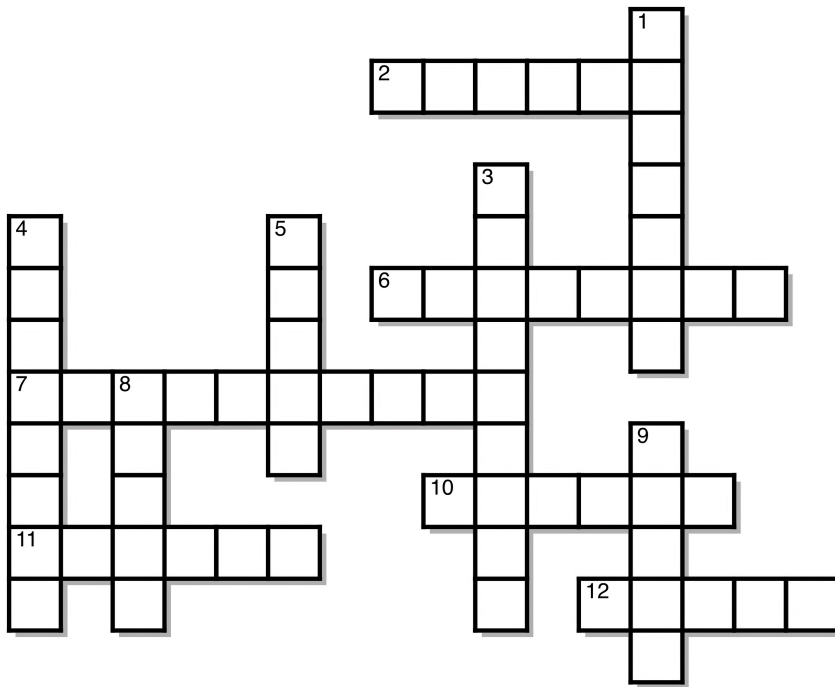
6. Share personal experiences of how studying and meditating on God's Word have influenced your spiritual journey and understanding of God's will for your life. How has His Word shaped your decisions and actions?

7. Reflect on the challenges faced by Joseph and Mary in raising Jesus, especially considering His exceptional understanding of Scripture. How can parents handle raising a child with unique gifts and talents in a way that honors God's plans for their lives?

8. What are some practical ways parents can follow the principles of Proverbs 22:6 and train up their children according to their unique God-given bent and talents while instilling a strong foundation in the Word of God? How can you practice the same thing in your own life?

9. Reflect on this passage where Jesus is lost and then found in the temple. How does this event highlight the tension between Jesus' divine nature and human upbringing?

10. Explore the idea of Jesus feeling at home in the temple and the contrast with His earthly parents' concern. What does this reveal about Jesus' divine nature and His mission?



Down

1 What region did Joseph and Mary return to after finishing everything according to the Law of the Lord?

3 Mary may have embroidered this type of cloth for Jesus for His coming-of-age celebration.

4 In what city did Jesus grow up?

5 According to Proverbs 22:6, parents ought to _____ up a child in his own way.

8 How many days did it take for Jesus' parents to find Him in the temple?

9 In the first level of Jewish education, students would read, write, and memorize large portions of the _____.

Across

2 In Marcos Zapata's painting of The Last Supper, the type of animal being served is a _____ pig.

6 These men were astounded at Jesus' knowledge of the scriptures.

7 What word describes the state Jesus' parents were in when they found Him in the temple?

10 In what did Jesus continue to grow and advance according to this passage?

11 At what age did Jesus go to Jerusalem for His first Passover?

12 Jesus continued to advance in _____ with God and men.

WORD SEARCH:

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| Law | Parenting |
| Galilee | Discipleship |
| Nazareth | Culture |
| Child | Torah |
| Wisdom | Synagogue |
| Jerusalem | School |
| Feast | Education |
| Passover | Training |
| Caravan | Joseph |
| Temple | Mary |
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