Lesson 9: Jesus Christ Was a Child Like Me

Purpose

To strengthen your desire to be like Jesus Christ by increasing your knowledge of Jesus’ childhood.
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Attention Activity

• What do you think these items were used for?
Attention Activity

• Did you ever stop to think that Jesus Christ was once a baby.
Attention Activity

• Do you think Jesus used items like these?
• Some of the things Jesus had when he was a baby were very similar to things you used when you were babies.
• Some of the things were very different.
• In this lesson, we will learn about Jesus’ life when he was a child.
• This is the kind of home that the people of Nazareth lived in.

• Nazareth is the town where Jesus grew up (see Matthew 2:23), and Jesus may have lived in a home like this one.
• Where do you think the family slept?
• On Mat’s
Like this one.
• The closet behind her that seems to hold other rolled mats.
The roofs of the houses were flat, and steps on the outside of each house led up to the roof.
Perhaps the children sometimes slept on the roof.
• Where did the baby in this home sleep?
• Baby sleeps in the cradle.
• Joseph was a carpenter and might have made a cradle like this one for the baby Jesus.
• What do you think the big jars were used for?
• Some held water.
All the water the family used was carried from the well in the village because there was no running water in the homes.
- A well is a deep hole in the ground with clean water in it.
• What is the woman who is sitting on the floor doing?
• Grinding grain to make into bread.
Since there was no electricity, how could they light this home?
• They used oil lamps.
• Perhaps some of the jars held oil for the lamps.
Who are the people in this picture?
Jesus and Joseph
Jesus probably helped Joseph with his work, and Joseph may have taught Jesus to be a carpenter like himself.
What else do you think Jesus learned in his home?
Jesus was told stories about the prophets, like the stories we read in the Bible.
He was also taught to pray and to choose to do the right just as we are taught by our parents.
Mary and Joseph believed in Heavenly Father just as we do.
Where did Mary and Joseph find Jesus?
What was Jesus doing in the temple? (See Luke 2:46.)
• Jesus was talking with men who had studied the scriptures a great deal.

• These men were surprised that Jesus knew so much.

• Let’s read aloud Luke 2:47.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.
• “Astonished” means surprised.
• Let’s Read Luke 2:53 together.

• 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.
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• “Increased” means grew.
What does this scripture mean when it says Jesus grew in wisdom?
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• Each of you is also growing in wisdom, because you are learning to choose the right.
• What does the last part of the verse mean when it says that Jesus increased “in favour with God”?
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Heavenly Father was pleased because Jesus always did what Heavenly Father wanted him to do.
How can you grow in favor with Heavenly Father?
Heavenly Father is pleased when we become more like Jesus. Jesus always chose the right.
How do you think Jesus would treat a child that others made fun of?
Ask yourself, “How do I treat a child others make fun of?”
• When young Jesus was playing and his mother or Joseph asked him to do something, what do you think he did?
Now ask yourself, “What do I do if I am playing and my mother or father asks me to do something?”
Jesus also “grew in favour” with other people (see Luke 2:52).

They liked to be around him.
Would you have liked to have Jesus for your friend when he was a boy?
Let’s repeat these words to remind us to become more like Jesus Christ, we must choose the right.

I CAN CHOOSE THE RIGHT
Let’s all sing
“Jesus once was
a Little Child”
Jesus Once was a Little Child

1. Jesus once was a little child,
A little child like me;
And he was pure and meek and mild,
As a little child should be.

So, little children,
Let's you and I
Try to be like him,
Try, try, try.
Jesus Once was a Little Child

- 2. He played as little children play
- The pleasant games of youth;
- But he never got vexed if the game went wrong,
- And he always spoke the truth.

- So, little children,
- Let's you and I
- Try to be like him,
- Try, try, try.

Words: James R. Murray, 1841-1905
Music: Joseph Ballantyne, 1868-1944
TESTIMONY

• I want to testify to you, that choosing the right and becoming like Jesus Christ will make us happy.

• I am very thankful to have Jesus’ life as an example of how we should live.

• Jesus’ childhood was probably in some ways much like their own.

• I want to encourage you to always choose the right, as Jesus did.
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After King Herod died, an angel told Joseph to take Jesus and Mary home. Joseph took them to Nazareth, where Jesus was safe.
Jesus grew up in the city of Nazareth. He learned many things and became “strong in spirit, ... and the grace of God was upon him.”
When Jesus was 12, He went with Joseph and Mary in a group of people to a celebration in Jerusalem. They were there for several days.
When Joseph and Mary left for home, they thought that Jesus was walking back to Nazareth with His friends. But Jesus had stayed in Jerusalem.
When Joseph and Mary looked for Jesus, they could not find Him. No one in their group had seen Him. So Joseph and Mary went back to Jerusalem. They looked for Jesus for three days. They were very sad.

Luke 2:44-46
At last they found Jesus in the temple, talking with some teachers. He was answering their questions. The teachers were surprised at how much Jesus knew.
Mary told Jesus that she and Joseph had been worried about Him. Jesus replied that He was doing His Father's work—God's work. Joseph and Mary did not understand.
Jesus went home to Nazareth with Joseph and Mary and obeyed them.
Jesus learned more and more about His Heavenly Father’s work.
He grew tall and strong.
People loved Him. He did what God wanted Him to do.
God loved Him.
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