

## **You're Kidding Right?!**

**Luke 2:41-52**

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*Luke 2:41-52 (NLT2) Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. 42 When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. 43 After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, 44 because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. 46 Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. 47 All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere." 49 "But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 But they didn't understand what he meant. 51 Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart. 52 Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.*

### **LESSONS FROM LOSING JESUS**

#### **1. We can lose Him within our religious \_\_\_\_\_.**

*41 Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival.*

Joseph and Mary lost him at the Feast of Passover.

#### **2. We can take our relationship with Christ for \_\_\_\_\_.**

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That is how it all begins. We don't "miss him at first."

*Revelation 2:4 (NKJV) "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love." This doesn't happen all-at-once.*

#### **3. They lost His \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Judges 16:20 (NLT2) 20 Then she cried out, "Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!" When he woke up, he thought, "I will do as before and shake myself free." But he didn't realize the LORD had left him.*

#### **4. We can fail to help others \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.**

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## 5. We can find Jesus in His Father's \_\_\_\_\_.

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Luke 15:3-7 (NLT2) 3 So Jesus told them this story: 4 "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. 6 When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' 7 In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!

Answers:

1. Services
2. Granted
3. Presence
4. Find
5. House