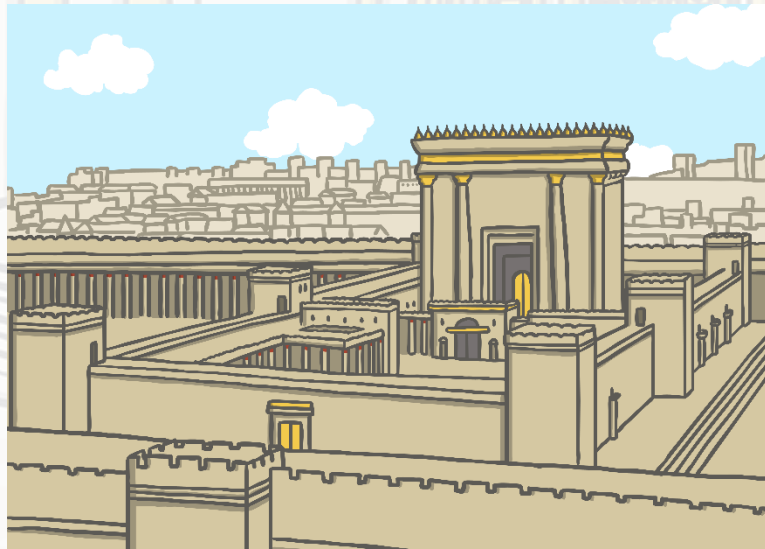


Boy Jesus in the Temple



Visiting the Temple

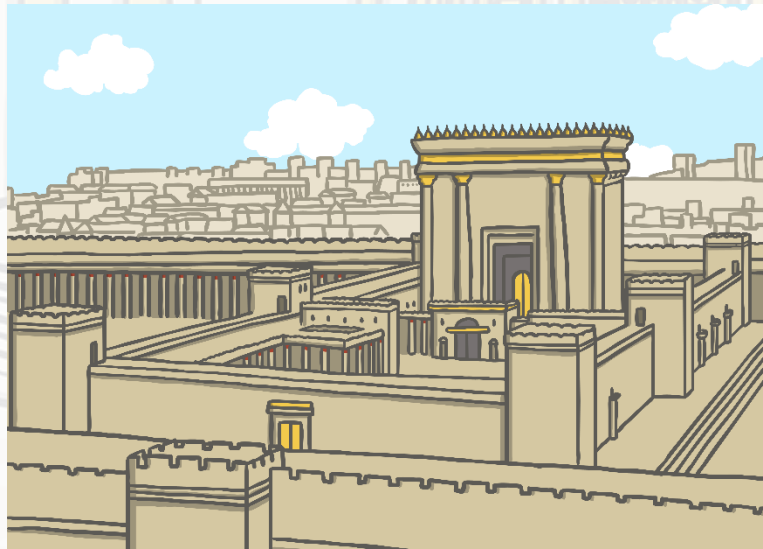
A important story which the parish family will hear at Mass is from Luke's gospel where he tells of another journey Jesus, Mary and Joseph made to the Temple when Jesus was twelve years old.



Visiting the Temple

Each year, Jesus and his family made the journey from their home in Nazareth to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover.

There was an important temple in Jerusalem where the Jewish people went to worship God.



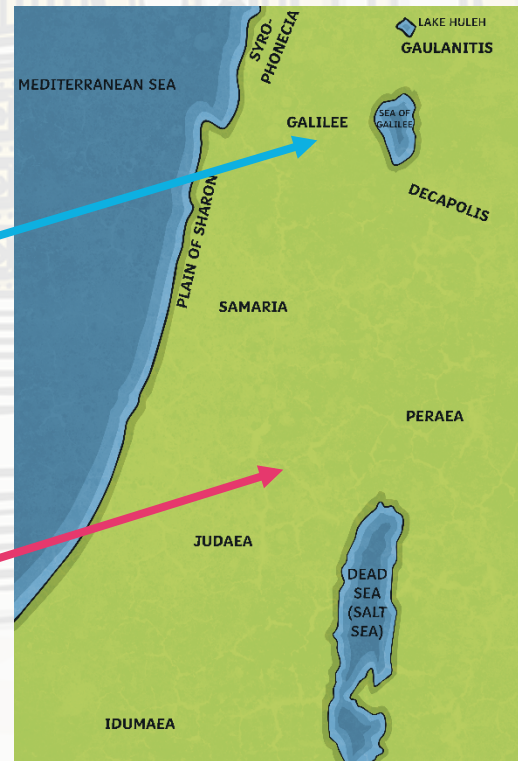
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There were no cars or trains in those days. People made most of their journeys on foot.

It would have taken Jesus and his family a few days to walk from Nazareth to Jerusalem.

Nazareth

Jerusalem



Jesus Is Missing!

The year Jesus was 12 years old, his family visited the temple as usual. After they had worshipped at the temple, Jesus' family set off on the journey home.

As they were in a large group, it was a while before Jesus' parents realised that Jesus wasn't with them.

How do you think Mary and Joseph felt when they realised Jesus was missing?

Have you ever been lost?
How did you feel?



The Temple Again

Mary and Joseph went back to Jerusalem to look for him. They looked for three days until they found Jesus in the temple.

To their amazement, they found Jesus surrounded by grown-ups. Jesus was talking to the adults about the scriptures (Jewish special book) and asking them questions.

The adults in the temple were amazed at how wise Jesus was.

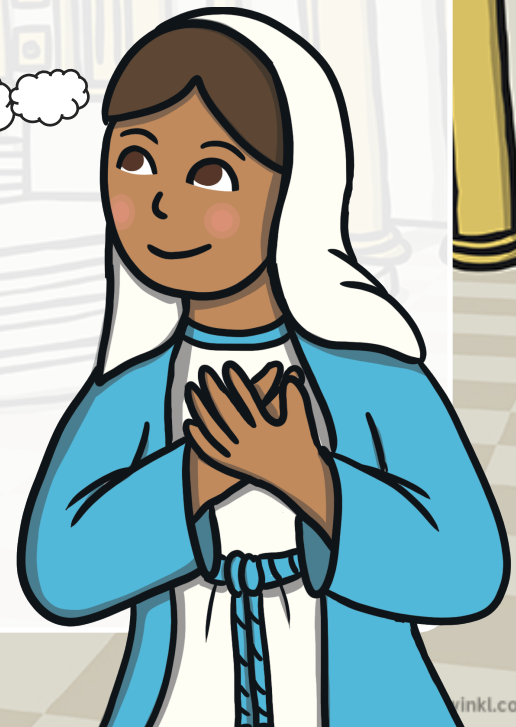


Why Was Jesus There?

"Jesus!" cried Mary. "Why are you here? We have been so worried."

"Why were you searching for me?" Jesus asked.
"Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

Mary thought about why Jesus
might have been there.



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Based on Luke 2: 41-52
(God's Story 2)

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Make sure you also watch the video of the story:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ho_3gvIWzbw

SOME KEY QUESTIONS:

How did you feel when you were listening to the story?

Who went on the journey to Jerusalem?

Where was Jesus and what was he doing when Mary and Joseph found him?

How do you think the people listening to Jesus felt?

Your Turn!

Task 1

Sequence the story using picture provided.

Task 2

Write a sentence in the picture of Mary and Jesus thinking how the felt.

Task 3

Retell the story of boy Jesus visiting the temple. Make sure you use key religious words.

Sheets are provided for all of these tasks.