

## Unit 2. Children of the Bible - NT

### Lesson 2.2: Jesus the Wise

#### Teacher Preparation and Materials Needed:

#### Bible Story:

Luke 2:41-52

#### Activities:

*\*Implement based on available time. Detailed instructions and materials list are provided in the lesson.*

Activity 1: Growing in Wisdom Tree

Activity 2: Wise Choices Game

Activity 3: Jesus Grew Chart

#### Words of the Week:

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իմաստութիւն - ee-mas-doo-tyoon - wisdom

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#### Objective

Children will understand that Jesus is God's Son who loved to be close to His Heavenly Father. They will learn that true wisdom comes from loving God, learning about Him, and obeying His teachings. They will discover ways to grow in wisdom by praying, listening, and making good choices, just as Jesus did.

#### Moral Character Focus:

Jesus was not just a good boy who loved God. He was God's own Son, sent from Heaven to show us the way to His Father. Even as a child, Jesus knew who He was and longed to be in His Father's house, learning and teaching about God's love. This story reveals Jesus's divine nature and His perfect obedience. It teaches us that true wisdom flows from knowing God personally, not just knowing about Him. Children will learn that Jesus came to earth to be our teacher, our example, and our Savior. They will discover that they can grow in wisdom by following Jesus, spending time with God through prayer, listening to His Word, and choosing to live in ways that honor Him.

#### Memory Verse:

**“Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and people.”**  
**- Luke 2:52**

# Lesson

**Open with prayer:**

**Wisdom of the Father, O Jesus, grant to me the wisdom to think, speak, and do that which is good in Your sight. Save me from all evil and distracting thoughts, words, and deeds. Have mercy upon your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.**

## Lesson Body: Jesus the Wise

Long ago, in a little town called Nazareth, there lived a very special boy named Jesus. His home was small and simple, but inside it was filled with something wonderful: love, laughter, and prayers to God.

Jesus was not like other boys. He was God's own Son. He had come down from Heaven itself to show people how much God loved them. Every morning, young Jesus would wake up early and talk to His Heavenly Father in prayer. Then He would help Joseph in the carpenter's shop and fetch water for Mary. In the evenings, He would sit with wide, wondering eyes as the teachers in the synagogue read from the Holy Scriptures.

Jesus loved to learn about God. Every word from the Scriptures seemed to sink deep into His heart like rain soaking into thirsty ground. He would ask thoughtful questions, and the teachers would look at each other in surprise. "This child understands so much," they would whisper. Jesus didn't just want to know about God. He wanted to be close to Him, to understand His heart, to learn His ways.

Every spring, something wonderful happened. Jesus and His family would join their friends and neighbors on a long journey to the great city of Jerusalem. They would walk for days, singing songs of praise. And everyone was going to the same place: the Temple, God's house on earth.

When Jesus first saw the Temple, His breath would catch in His throat. It was magnificent, with tall white columns and golden decorations that gleamed in the sunlight. But it wasn't the gold that made Jesus's heart beat fast. It was this: the Temple was His Father's house. Here, more than anywhere else, God's presence could be felt. Here, the wise teachers gathered to study God's Word. And here, Jesus felt truly at home.

One year, when Jesus was twelve years old, His family made the journey to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. When the feast days ended, it was time to go home. The roads became crowded with families heading back to their towns. Mary and Joseph both thought Jesus was somewhere in the crowd. Neither of them worried at first.

But when evening came and the families stopped to camp, Mary and Joseph looked for Jesus. They walked through the crowd, asking everyone. "Have you seen our son?" Yet no one had.

Mary's heart began to pound. Joseph's face grew pale with worry. "We have to go back," Mary said, her voice trembling. "We have to go back to Jerusalem."

So they hurried back to the city and began to search. They looked in the marketplace and near the wells. They asked strangers if they had seen a boy with kind eyes and a gentle voice. One day passed. Then two days. Then three.

Mary was exhausted, her heart aching with worry. "Where could He be?" she whispered, tears running down her cheeks. Joseph put his hand on her shoulder. "Let's try the Temple," he said quietly.

They walked through the great gates into the Temple courts. And there, in the middle of a circle of the most learned teachers in all of Israel, sat Jesus. He was listening. He was asking questions. And He was giving answers that made the teachers lean forward with amazement.

"How does this boy know so much?" one teacher whispered. "He speaks with such wisdom and understanding."

Mary rushed forward, relief and confusion flooding through her. "Jesus!" she cried. "My son! Why have You done this to us? Your father and I have been searching everywhere for You. We've been so worried!"

Jesus looked up at His mother. His face was calm and peaceful, full of love. But there was also something in His eyes that Mary didn't quite understand, something that seemed to come from a place far deeper than His twelve years.

"Why were you searching for Me?" He asked gently. "Didn't you know that I must be in My Father's house?"

Mary stood very still. She didn't fully understand what Jesus meant. Not yet. But she tucked His words away in her heart like precious treasures, knowing that someday they would make sense. Jesus went to His mother

and embraced her. Then He greeted Joseph. And together, the three of them left the Temple and began the journey home to Nazareth.

Back in their little town, life continued as it always had. Jesus helped Joseph in the workshop. He helped Mary with household tasks. He listened to His parents and obeyed them with a cheerful heart. But something was growing inside Jesus, something beautiful and strong.

The Scriptures tell us this: “Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and people.”

Every day, Jesus grew a little taller and stronger. But more importantly, He grew wiser. He grew in understanding, in kindness, and in love. God was pleased with Him, and the people who knew Him loved Him. Jesus wasn't trying to show off in the Temple. He wasn't being disobedient. He was simply doing what His heart longed to do: learning about His Heavenly Father, being in His Father's house, growing in wisdom and love. And that's what Jesus wants for us too. He wants us to love God with all our hearts. He wants us to learn about Him, to talk to Him, to grow wiser and kinder every single day. True wisdom doesn't come from knowing lots of facts. True wisdom comes from loving God and following His ways.

Jesus came to earth to show us how to live. Even though He was God's own Son, He showed us that it's important to pray, to learn, to listen, and to obey. When we do these things, we grow in wisdom just like Jesus did.



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## Bible Verse Game to Remember

***“Jesus grew in wisdom and  
stature, and in favor with  
God and people.”***

***- Luke 2:52***

***“Jesus grew”  
stretch arms up tall***

***“in wisdom and stature”  
point to your head***

***“and in favor”  
open arms wide***

***“with God”  
point up to Heaven***

***“and people”  
point to friends around you***

### Activity 1: Growing in Wisdom Tree

Create a large paper tree on the wall. Cut out leaf shapes and give one to each child. On their leaf, children can draw or write one way they can grow in wisdom: praying, reading Bible stories, helping parents, being kind, or listening carefully. Attach all the leaves to the tree. Talk about how trees grow slowly and steadily, and so does our wisdom when we follow God’s ways.

### Activity 2: Wise Choices Game

Designate one side of the room as “Wise Choice” and the other as “Not a Wise Choice.” Read out different situations and have the children move to the side they think is correct. For example: helping a friend who is sad, telling a lie, praying before bed, being mean to a sibling. After each one, talk about why it is or isn’t a wise choice.

### Activity 3: Jesus Grew Chart

Draw a simple growth chart on a large piece of paper. Mark different stages: Baby Jesus, Child Jesus, Grown Jesus. At each stage, write what Jesus grew in: wisdom, height, favor with God, and favor with people. Let children mark their own height on the chart and talk about how they want to grow on the inside, not just on the outside.

# Review

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## Memory Verse Review:

“Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and people.” (Luke 2:52)

## Lesson Review:

1. Where did Jesus and His family go for the special feast? *(They went to Jerusalem for Passover)*
2. What happened when Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus? *(They looked for Him for three days and were very worried)*
3. Where did they finally find Him? *(In the Temple)*
4. What was Jesus doing in the Temple? *(He was talking with and teaching the teachers)*
5. What did Jesus mean when He said, “I must be in My Father’s house”? *(He was talking about God’s house, the Temple. Jesus knew God was His Father)*
6. Did Jesus obey His parents after this? *(Yes, He went home and obeyed Mary and Joseph)*
7. How did Jesus grow after He returned home? *(He grew wiser, taller and stronger, and God and people loved Him)*
8. How can we grow in wisdom like Jesus did? *(We can pray, listen to Bible stories, obey our parents, and be kind)*

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## Life Application:

### What are we going to do with what we have learned today?

Jesus is God’s Son, and He came to earth to show us the Father’s love and teach us how to live. Even though Jesus was divine, fully God and fully human, He grew in wisdom and obedience as an example for us. He showed us that wisdom is not just being smart, but knowing God and loving Him with all our hearts. Because Jesus lived on earth and experienced life as we do, He understands us perfectly. He invites us to follow Him, to learn from Him, and to grow closer to God just as He did. When we talk to God in prayer, when we listen to His Word in the Bible, when we obey our parents with joyful hearts, and when we choose kindness and truth, we are walking in the footsteps of Jesus. We will never be perfect like Jesus, but through Him, we can know God personally and grow in wisdom day by day. Jesus didn’t just come to teach us. He came to save us and bring us to His Father.

### Close with prayer:

**O Christ, guardian of all, let Your right hand guard and shelter me, by day and by night, at home and abroad, in sleeping and in waking, that I may never stumble. Have mercy upon Your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.**