

Jesus Lived in a family

FOCUS

1. Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived as God's Holy Family
2. The New Testament tells us stories about Jesus

Luke 2: 45-50

When Jesus was twelve years old, his family and relatives went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. On their way home, Mary and Joseph saw that Jesus wasn't with them. They went back to look for him. They couldn't find him for three days. They looked everywhere. Then at last Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple. They asked him why he had made them worry so much. He said to them, "Didn't you know I had to be about my father's business?"

During lessons 24-26 your child had the opportunity to:

- *Identify Jesus, Mary and Joseph as members of the Holy Family.*
- *Listen to and respond to the story of Jesus as a child in the temple.*
- *Listen to and reflect upon Jesus calling the first disciples.*
- *Discuss how we too can follow Jesus.*

Jesus was born a long, long time ago and lived in a family with Mary and Joseph. Jesus, Mary and Joseph are called the Holy Family. Jesus grew up as part of this family and experienced needs similar to ours. His family took him to the Temple in Jerusalem when he was only a few weeks old. They met Anna and Simeon who knew Jesus would be our saviour. As a young boy Jesus again went to the Temple with his family. This time Jesus stayed behind when Mary and Joseph went home. When Mary and Joseph returned looking for Jesus, they found him teaching in the Temple.

When Jesus was an adult, his first disciples were Andrew, James, Peter and John. They were fishermen and Jesus called them to follow him. Jesus also calls us to follow him and live the way he wants by being kind and good to everyone.

SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

1. Read and discuss Bible stories about the life of Jesus (below, left and above).
2. Talk to your child about what Jesus' family might have been like.
3. Ask your child to identify times they follow the good example of other people.
4. Talk to your child about people in the community who follow Jesus.
5. Encourage your child to complete the activity on the following page.



Draw your favourite story about the life of Jesus in the space provided.

