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December 25, 2011

**Jesus at the Temple**  
**Luke 2.41-52**

PRELUDE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*please stand if able

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN OF PRAISE “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” # 214

\*INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER (Debts)

\*GLORIA PATRI Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen. Hymn #620

ANTHEM “Now the Holly Bears a Berry”

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 1.21-28 page 419

HYMN “O Christmas Tree” # 221

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO GIVING

OFFERTORY “The Birthday of a King”

\*DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen Hymn #623

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION “As with Gladness, Men of Old” # 219

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 2.41 – 52** page 1592

MESSAGE “**Jesus at the Temple**”

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Joy to the World” # 194

BENEDICTION: (congregation joins on the chorus)

“Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!”

Introduction:

**I. God desires parents to** \_\_\_\_\_

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A. Jesus went to the Temple for his \_\_\_\_\_

B. We provide training by . . .

**II. God desires parents to** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

A. Jesus was found to be \_\_\_\_\_

B. We build trust by . . .

**III. God desires parents and children to** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

A. Jesus went home in \_\_\_\_\_

B. We are called to . . .

Conclusion:

1.

2.

3.

4.

## Questions for reflection or small group discussion

- What was Jesus doing in the temple?
- What does bar mitzvah mean?
- How can we use this Jewish practice in the church of Jesus Christ?
- How are you training children in your home?
- How can grandparents provide spiritual training?
- What does it mean to trust someone?
- What is the importance of the question “Why did you give me such pain?”
- How do you build trust?
- What can you do when trust has been broken to restore it?
- Read Ephesians 5. 21; 6.1-4. How do parents defer to their children?
- What is the responsibility of the church (including adults who have no children) to the children in the church?
- List some practical ways that we defer to each other in our marriages and families?
- What are the four ways that Jesus grew?
- How can you measure growth in each of these areas?