Jesus' Childhood Story

Mary and Joseph's Story
It was time to go to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. This year would be special. Our son, Jesus, was 12 years old. That meant He would begin preparing to take His place in the religious community.

Jesus' Story
I loved going to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. Most of our family would be there. Best of all, we were reminded how God passed over the Israelites when He killed the firstborn sons of the Egyptians during the days of Moses.

Mary and Joseph's Story
When the festival was over, it was time to go home. It was enjoyable to travel back home with our family and friends. After traveling for a day, we realized we hadn't seen our son for a while. We searched for Him among our family and friends. When we couldn't find Him, we turned around and headed back to Jerusalem.

Jesus' Story
When the festival was over, I stayed in Jerusalem and went to my Father's house. I sat with the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. I answered questions too. It was great to be in my Father's house.

Teachers' Story
This boy came into the temple and sat down with us. He was different than any boy we had ever met. He listened as we taught. He asked questions—good questions. He answered questions too. He really understood God's Word. It was amazing!

Mary and Joseph's Story
After three days, we found Jesus. We couldn't believe it! Our son was in the temple, talking with the teachers. We told Him how anxiously we had been searching for Him.

Jesus' Story
I was glad to see my parents. But I had to help them understand who I am. I am their son, but, more importantly, I am God's Son. But they didn't seem to understand.

Mary and Joseph's Story
After returning to Nazareth, Jesus was the same obedient child He had always been. Mary would often think about the temple experience, wondering what it meant. Jesus was a fine child who was growing into a man. He grew in wisdom. He grew taller. And He grew in favor with God and people. We loved Him so much!

Jesus' Story
I was always obedient to my earthly parents and to my heavenly Father. I grew in wisdom. I grew taller. And I grew in favor with God and people.

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