

Luke 2:40-52

Light-bearing and the Father's Business

Sermon Notes from Pastor Dennis Tuuri for the Second Sunday in Epiphany, January 15, 2012

Epiphany and the Light of the World (See Attached)

Jesus, Luke Skywalker, Unbreakable

Luke 2:40–52 (ESV)

A. The Child Grows

40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with **wisdom**. And the **favor** of God was upon him.

B. Up - Keeping the Feast (A Prolepsis)

41 Now his parents **went to Jerusalem** every year at the Feast of the Passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went **up** according to custom.

C. Losing Sight of Jesus

43 And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His **parents did not know** it,

D. Searching (Three Days - Anxiously) for Jesus

44 but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to **search for him** among their relatives and acquaintances,

45 and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, **searching** for him.

E. Dialoguing About the Word

46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

D'. Typical Parents' Response When the Child Isn't Dead

48 And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been **searching for you** in great distress."

C'. From Father to Father

49 And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did **you not know** that I must be in my Father's house?" **50** And **they did not understand** the saying that he spoke to them.

B'. Down - Light in the World

51 And he went **down** with them and **came to Nazareth** and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

A'. In Favor with God and Man

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in **favor** with God and man.

Sermon Notes for Young Light-bearers

- 1a. Like Jesus, you should want to grow in _____
- 1b. and _____ with God.
2. Like Jesus, you should want to go _____.
3. Like Jesus, want to _____ to others talk about the Bible.
4. You should also _____ questions about the Bible.
5. Like Jesus, the _____, _____ should be at the center of your life.
6. You should try to avoid making your parents _____.
7. When they do, you shouldn't get _____.
8. To honor your dad, you should grow in your relationship with your heavenly _____.
9. You will _____ understand everything in your life.
10. You should try hard to _____ your parents, pastors and any other teachers.
11. You should have a _____ relationship with all the RCC kids.
12. And you should show good _____ to the adults.
13. At a later time, on another trip from Galilee to Jerusalem, at another Passover, after another anxious three days of Him being out of sight of His loved ones, Jesus would come back from the Father's House, with the healing power of _____ for the World!