



Title | Home Alone: The Prequel
Series | So You Can Know For Sure
Text | Luke 2:39-52
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Sermon Notes

Luke 2:39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. 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. 43 And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 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. 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. 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." 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. 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. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man. *ESV*

Big Idea:

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For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Luke 2:39-52. Compare verses 40 and 52. This is a literary device known as an *inclusio*, which involves the repetition of key words or ideas at the beginning and end of a section of text, often to bracket and highlight the theme of the unit in the middle. What is the theme of this text?

Tuesday:

According to Luke 2:39-42, Jesus grew in a well-rounded way: mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially. Read Proverbs 1:5 and Proverbs 18:15, relating to mental growth. How can you grow mentally in the coming year? How can you foster the mental growth of someone else?

Wednesday:

Merry Christmas! According to Luke 2:39-42, Jesus grew in a well-rounded way: mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially. Read Mark 6:31, 1 Timothy 4:8, and 1 Timothy 5:23, relating to physical growth. How can you grow physically (or be healthier) in the coming year? How can you foster the physical growth of someone else?

Thursday:

According to Luke 2:39-42, Jesus grew in a well-rounded way: mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially. Read Mark 1:35, Matthew 14:23, Luke 6:12, and Colossians 1:28, relating to spiritual growth. How can you grow spiritually in the coming year? How can you foster the spiritual growth of someone else?

Friday:

According to Luke 2:39-42, Jesus grew in a well-rounded way: mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially. Read Proverbs 13:20, Acts 2:42, Romans 1:11-12, and John 13:34-35, relating to social growth. How can you grow socially in the coming year? How can you foster the social growth of someone else?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to pursue well-rounded growth: mental, physical, spiritual, and social. Grant me wisdom in how to get started. Amen.

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