



CHAPTER 9

The Boy Jesus



Jesus grew up in the city of Nazareth. He learned many things and became “strong in spirit, . . . and the grace of God was upon him.”

Luke 2:39–40



When Jesus was 12, He went with Joseph and Mary in a group of people to a celebration in Jerusalem. They were there for several days.

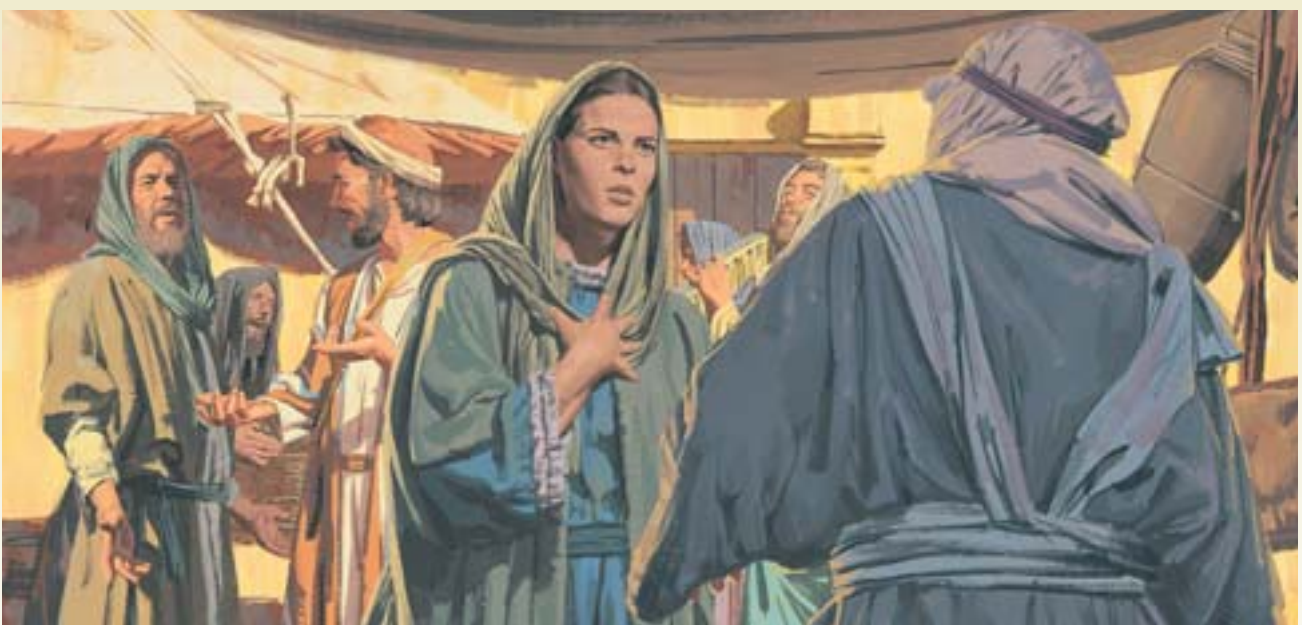
Luke 2:41–43



When Joseph and Mary left for home, they thought that Jesus was walking back to Nazareth

with His friends. But Jesus had stayed in Jerusalem.

Luke 2:43-44



When Joseph and Mary looked for Jesus, they could not find Him. No one in their group had seen Him. So Joseph and Mary went back to

Jerusalem. They looked for Jesus for three days. They were very sad.

Luke 2:44-46



At last they found Jesus in the temple, talking with some teachers. He was answering their

questions. The teachers were surprised at how much Jesus knew.

Luke 2:46-47 (see footnote 46c)



Mary told Jesus that she and Joseph had been worried about Him. Jesus replied that He was

doing His Father's work—God's work. Joseph and Mary did not understand.

Luke 2:48–50



Jesus went home to Nazareth with Joseph and Mary and obeyed them.

Luke 2:51



Jesus learned more and more about His Heavenly Father's work.

Luke 2:52



He grew tall and strong.

Luke 2:52



People loved Him. He did what God wanted Him to do.

Luke 2:52



God loved Him.

Luke 2:52