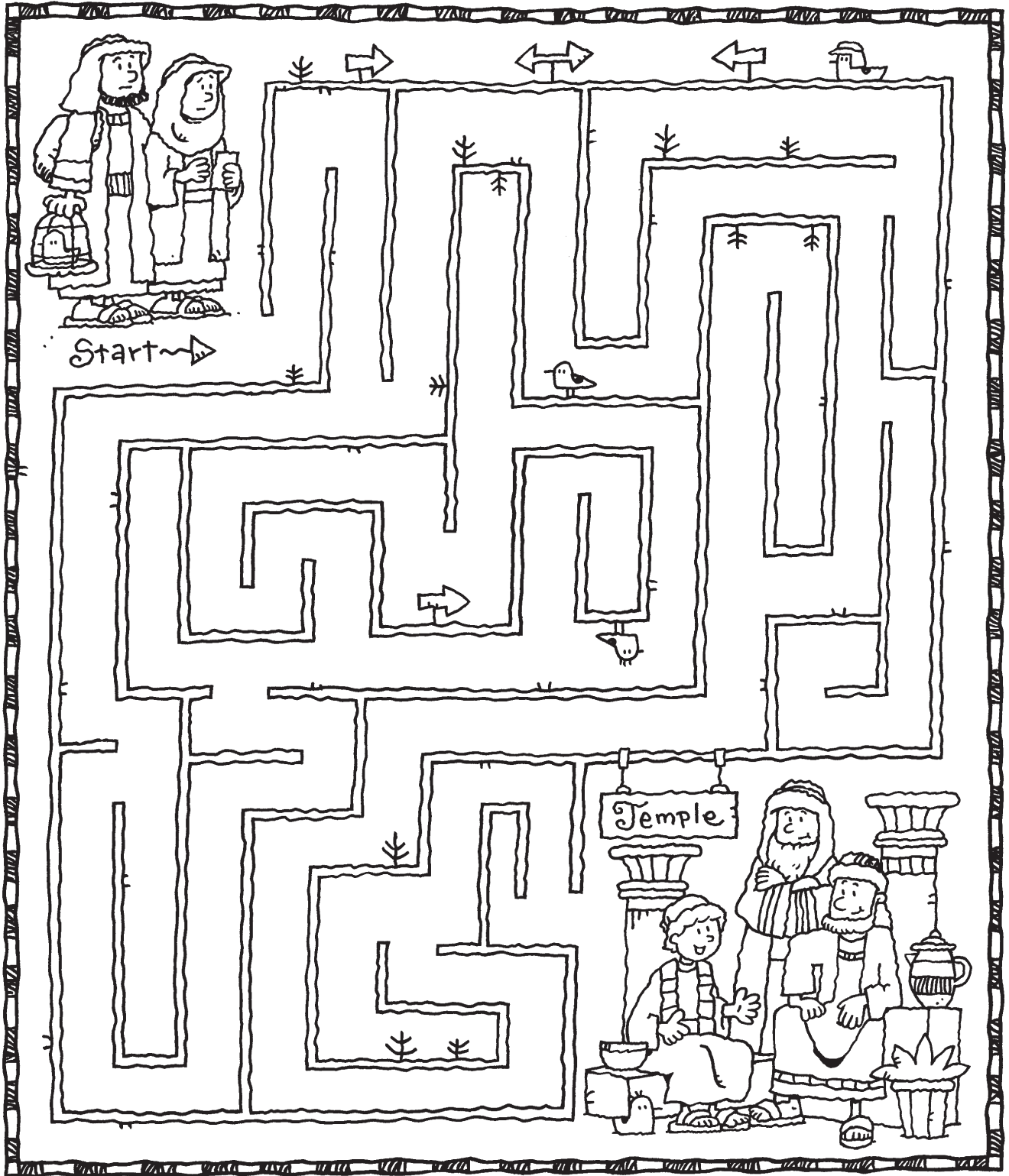


5A

Where's Jesus – Maze (Preschool)

Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the temple.



Where's Jesus? – Puzzle (Younger Elementary)

Jesus is 12 years old at the temple. But where is he? Find and circle Jesus. Then, find the following items: Mary, Joseph, three dogs, a man wearing stripes, a woman wearing spots, four birds, and three black stones in the wall.



5C

Ages of Jesus – Puzzle (Older Elementary)

Stories of Jesus happen throughout his life. In each story below, fill in the missing the number. The same letters can be used to fill in the blanks at the bottom of the page.

In the story of Jesus' birth, Jesus was ___ NE day old.

In the story of Simeon and Anna, Jesus was F___ RTY days old.

In the story of the wisemen, Jesus was about TW___ years old.

In the story of Jesus as a boy in the Temple, Jesus was T___ E___ VE years old.

When Jesus began his ministry, he was about THI___ TY years old.

When Jesus died, he was about THIRTY-___ HREE years old.

G ___ D S ___ L ___ V E D

___ H E ___ O ___ ___ D.

John 3:16

FAST FACT 1

Passover is a special festival that helped the Jewish people remember something important. When the people of Israel were in Egypt, God called Moses to free the people from slavery. God sent plagues to the nation of Egypt. The plagues got worse the longer Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, refused to let God's people go free.



Look at a calendar for 2021. Can you find Passover? Here's a hint: Look in the month of March.

FAST FACT 2

When the last plague came, it was the worst of all. The firstborn throughout Egypt died. But death "passed over" the people of Israel. When Pharaoh realized what had happened, he finally freed the people of from slavery. God had kept the promise that was made to Moses. The people were free!

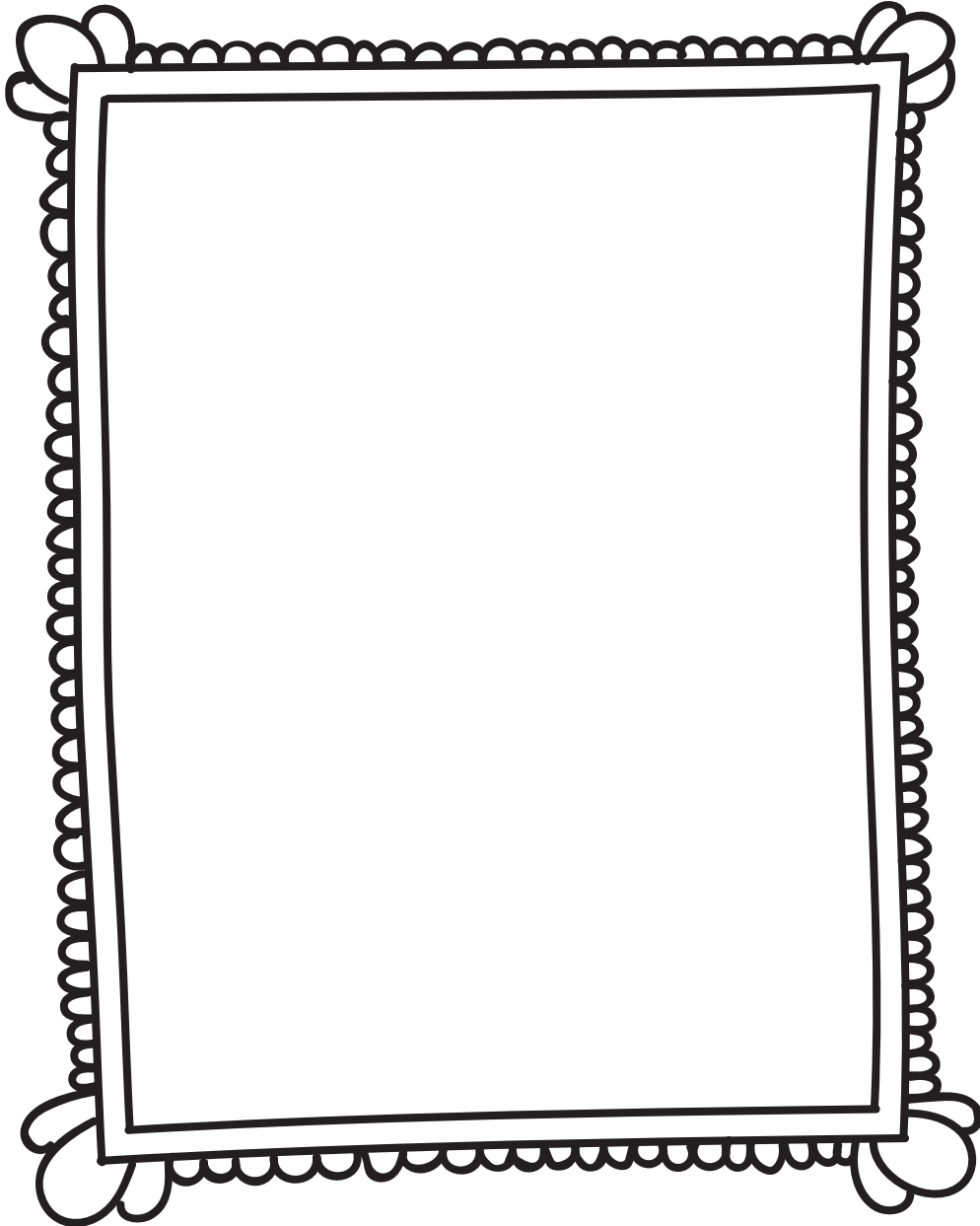
FAST FACT 3

Every year after that, the people of Israel remembered how death had passed them over. That's why the festival is called Passover. At Passover, people would come from all over Israel to gather in Jerusalem. Today, Jewish people still celebrate Passover. Passover often happens around Easter.

5E

The Places I'll Go – Art

When you grow up, where will you go? What will you do? Draw a picture of yourself all grown up. Imagine where you might go and how you'll get there!



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Luke 2:52, CEB

Boy Jesus in the Temple

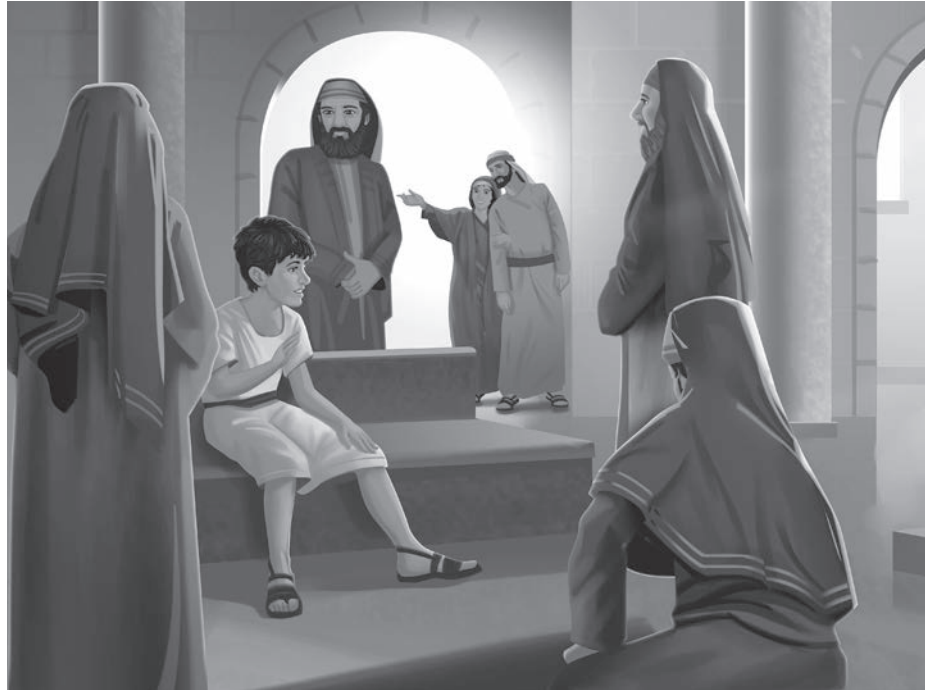
Luke 2:39-52

Every year, Jesus' family celebrated Passover.

They and the rest of their relatives would travel to Jerusalem for the celebration.

When the holiday was over, Jesus' family started walking back home.

After a little while, Mary and Joseph noticed something. Jesus was nowhere to be found!



Quickly, they hurried back to Jerusalem. It took them three days to find Jesus.

When they finally found him, he was sitting with the teachers and leaders of the temple. The men were amazed that Jesus understood so much about God!

Mary said, "Son, why have you done this?"

Jesus replied, "Didn't you know I would be in my Father's house?"

Then Jesus went home with Mary and Joseph. Jesus continued to grow and become wise.

God was pleased with Jesus, and so were people.

FAMILY DEVOTION

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 2:52

Make a growth chart on a wall in your home. Use sheets of posterboard if you don't want to mark your wall. Mark the height of each member of the family (even the grownups!). Then, read the Bible passage.

- How does the verse say that Jesus grew? ("Jesus matured in wisdom and years, and in favor with God and with people" Luke 2:52, CEB).

5F-G

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