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Hello Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday School Families,

"Losing Jesus" is the title of this week's lesson, from Luke 2:41-52. This lesson reminds us to keep our focus on Jesus, as sometimes we get so busy that we can "lose" Him. Our memory verse for this week is: "When His parents saw Him, they were astonished. His mother said to Him, 'Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for You.' 'Why were you searching for me?' He asked. 'Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?' " Luke 2:48-49

<https://sermons4kids.com/> is the homepage and where you will find the sermon lesson to read to your children. For this lesson, you will not need any objects.

To the right of the lesson are links to print a coloring page, word search, a crossword puzzle and more. Feel free to use any of these supplemental activities for your child's individual level. Additionally, below the lesson is an instructional video for creating a related craft.

This week's group activities can also be found in that list of resources beside the sermon reading. Feel free to use and modify any of these activities to suit your family. At the bottom of this email, there is a themed snack idea provided by Sermons4Kids. There you will also find the Discussion Questions and Suggested Prayer Starters from Sermons4Kids.

Sample prayer for this week:

Dear Jesus, when we have lost sight of You, help us remember that You are still there, waiting for us to come back to You. Help us make you a daily priority. In Jesus' name, amen.

We pray that each of you had a very merry Christmas, focused on the most perfect gift ever given.

God bless you,

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Elementary Discussion:

This week in Luke 2:41-52, kids learned about a time when Jesus' parents lost Him as a boy. Mary and Joseph were on their way back from the Festival of the Passover when they realized young Jesus was missing. The couple anxiously searched for Jesus. Three days later, they found Him in a temple speaking with religious leaders. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" Jesus told His worried parents. Children learned that it's also easy for us to lose sight of Jesus when we get too busy. But even when we get too busy for Jesus, He is always right there waiting for us to return. Bible Memory Verse: "When His parents saw Him, they were astonished. His mother said to Him, 'Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for You.' 'Why were you searching for me?' He asked. 'Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?' " Luke 2:48-49

MONDAY:

- Where would you look for missing Jesus?
- Praise God that Jesus is never really missing, even when we think He is.

TUESDAY:

- Why do you think Jesus responded to His parents the way He did?
- Praise Jesus for being the perfect example of how to obey your parents.

WEDNESDAY:

- What is one way you can grow closer to Jesus?
- Thank God for giving you His Word, so you can grow closer to Jesus.

THURSDAY:

- When life gets too busy and you lose sight of Jesus, how can you find Him?
- Ask Jesus to always show you the way back to Him.

FRIDAY:

- What is one way you can remind yourself to talk to Jesus each day?
- Pray for God to help you keep Jesus as a top priority in your life.

Temple Snacks

You'll Need (use parental discretion with small items):

- Paper plates - one per child
- Napkins - one per child
- Pretzel sticks
- Cheez-It crackers
- String Cheese
- Club crackers

Do This:

- Give each child a paper plate and a napkin.
- Place all the snacks in bowls in the middle of the table.
- Invite kids to be creative and use the provided snacks to form a temple on their plates.
- Allow time for kids to show their creations to the rest of the group.
- Enjoy

DISCUSS:

- *Why was Jesus in the temple when His parents couldn't find Him? Why did he refer to the temple as "His Father's House?"*