

## The Perfect Child

Luke 2:39-52

### I. Mary and Joseph parented Jesus as a child (Luke 2:39-50)

*Questions for every **parent** to ask:*

- A. Am I personally obedient and committed to God? Mary and Joseph obeyed God fully (Luke 2:39-42).
1. They did everything the law required (2:21-24,39,40).
  2. They attended Passover at the temple regularly (2:41,42).
- B. Am I progressively letting go, so my child can relate directly to God? Mary and Joseph learned they must let go of Jesus – personally and spiritually (Luke 2:43-50).
1. They gave Jesus a lot of freedom plus responsibility.
  2. They rebuked Jesus for His apparent irresponsibility.
  3. Jesus said He must obey His Heavenly Father.

### II. Jesus developed as a child (Luke 2:51-52)

*Questions for every **child/teen** to ask:*

- A. Am I submitting increasingly to God as I still submit to my parents? Jesus responded to God and still obeyed Mary and Joseph as a teenager (Luke 2:51).
- B. Am I maturing in every way? Jesus matured in each area of life (Luke 2:52).
- Intellectual, physical, spiritual and social maturity