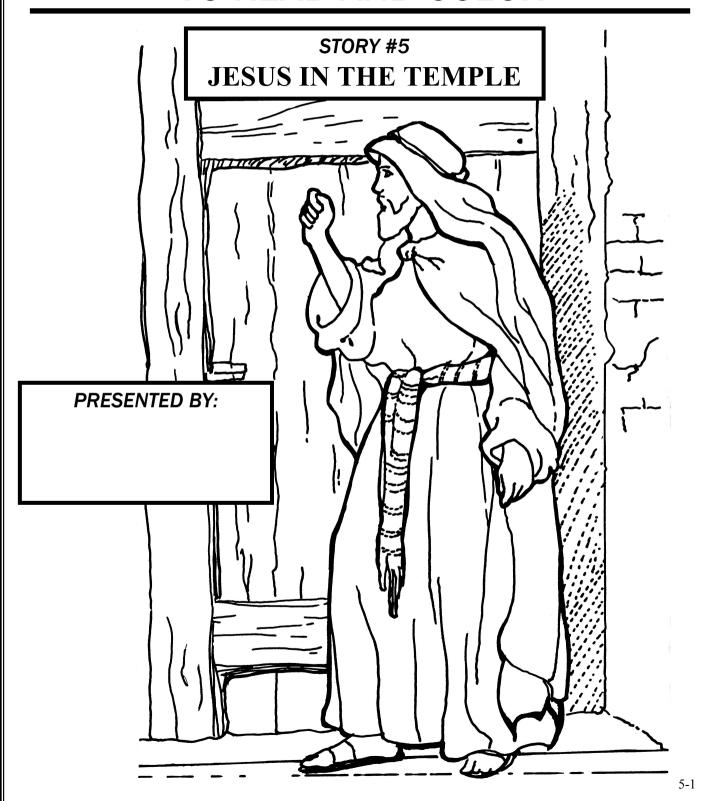
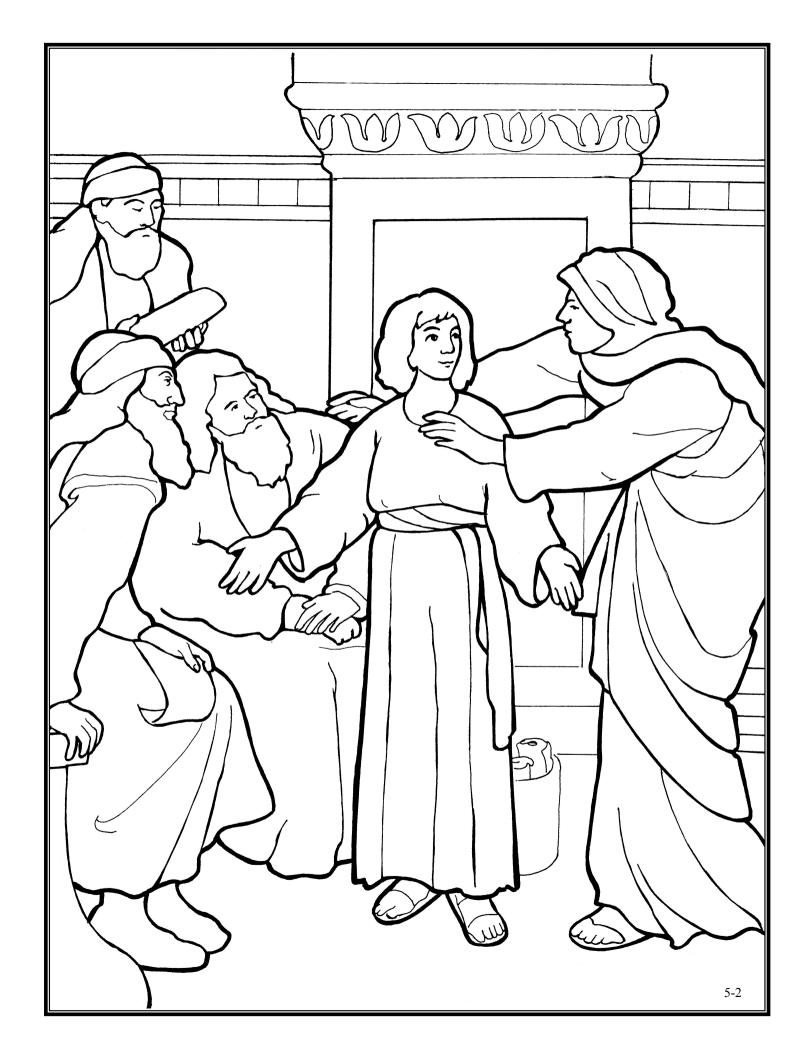
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BIBLE STORIES FOR CHILDREN TO READ AND COLOR





JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

LUKE 2:41-52

When Jesus was twelve years old He went with Joseph and Mary to attend the feast of the Passover. This celebration was always held at Jerusalem which was many miles from Nazareth were Jesus lived. Jesus liked to go to church to hear and learn God's Word. The Passover was a special feast that pointed to the coming of Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of everyone. In the temple Jesus was busy talking to the ministers about heaven and God. He asked questions and answered questions. The teachers wondered how this young boy could know so much.

Jesus stayed in the temple after Joseph and Mary had left for home. They thought He was with relatives and friends, but when they did not find Him, they went back and looked for Him. They found Him in the Temple. Mary asked why He had not gone home with them. Jesus told Mary that God was His Father and that He had work to do which was the Father's work. Jesus did not go against His mother but was obedient and went home with her like a good boy.

PRAYER

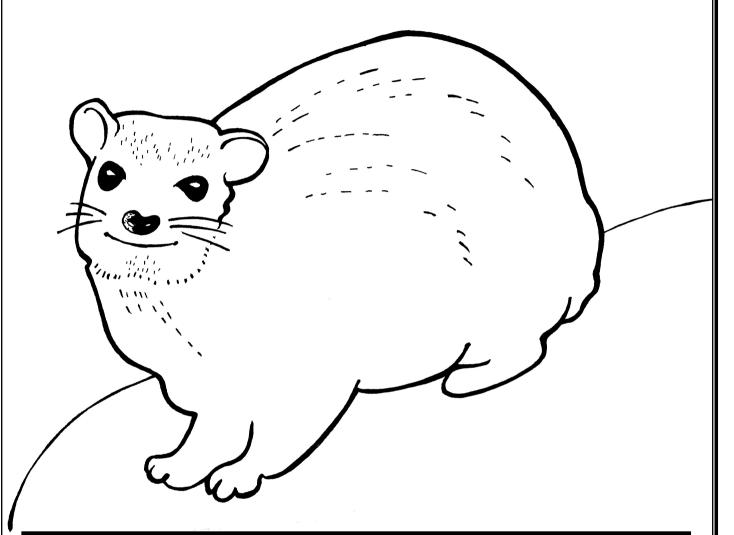
Dear Jesus, teach us to walk in your ways and be obedient to our parents. When we do wrong, forgive us and put us on the right way which you want us to go. We pray in Jesus name. Amen

Bible passage for older children to memorize:

Jesus said "Blessed rather are those who hear the Word of God and obey it."

ANIMALS FROM THE BIBLE

ROCK BADGER (Hyrax)



In Proverbs it says that conies (rock badger or hyrax) are creatures of little power yet they make their home in the crags (high, steep mountains).

The baby Jesus was like the rock badger in this way: He was weak, yet having his home on the throne of heaven.



PSALM 122:1

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

(New International Version of the Bible)