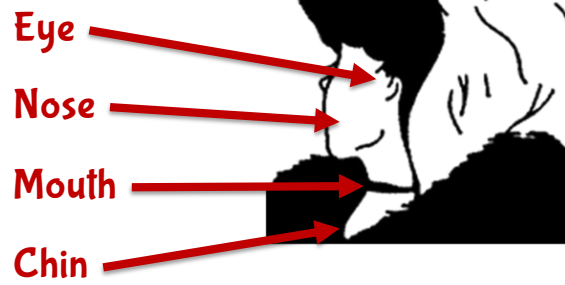


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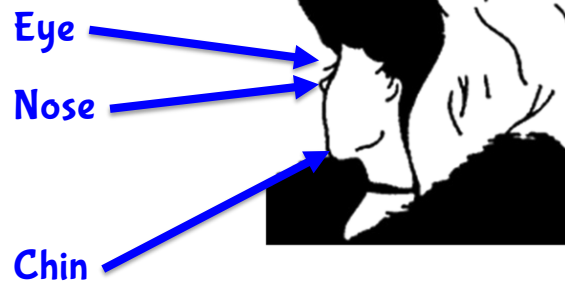
Older woman



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What do you see?

Younger woman



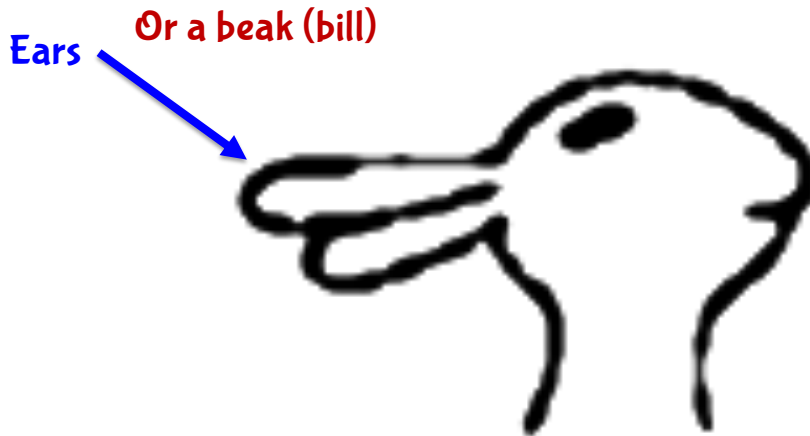
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What do you see?



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What do you see?



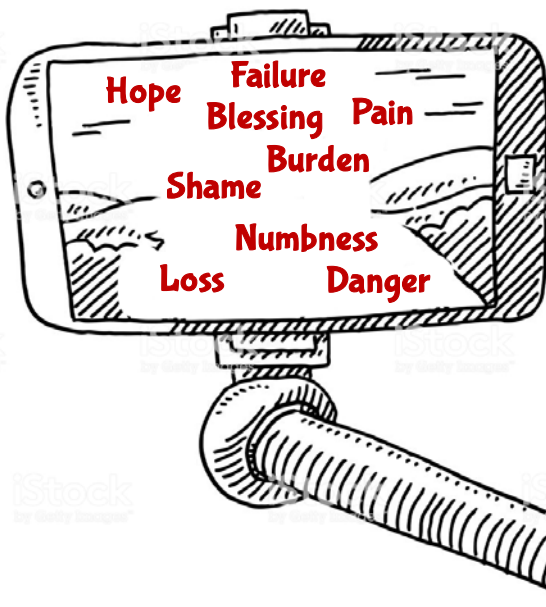
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What do you see?

- Very hard to see it two perspectives at once!
- Easiest to settle in to one way to look at things
- Sometimes it takes work to see things in another way

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What do you see?



What do you see when you look at...

- Your relationships
- Your life responsibilities: work, family, ...
- Your studies
- Your future
- Your past
- Yourself
- What we're doing right now

**Ask God to help us see what is Real
beyond what is seen with our eyes**

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More than meets the eye

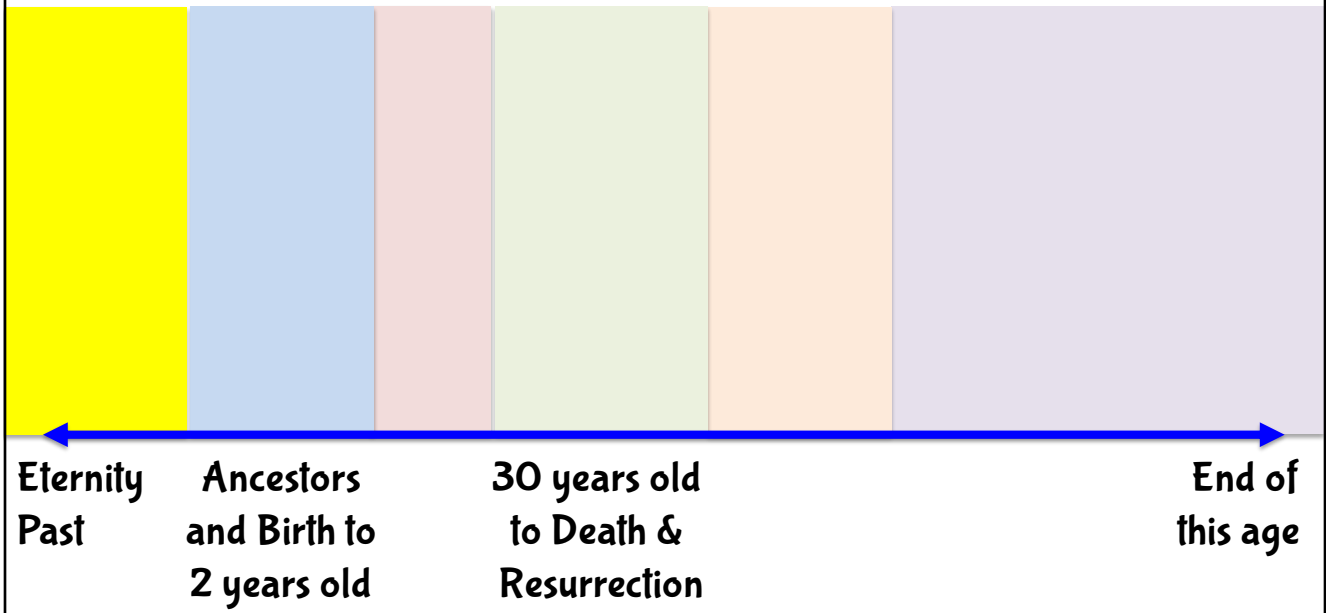
Luke 2:41-52

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Learning about Jesus' Life and Ministry



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Reading Luke 2:41-52

- Reading from a combination of the New International Version (7-8th grade) and the New International Reader's Version (3rd grade)

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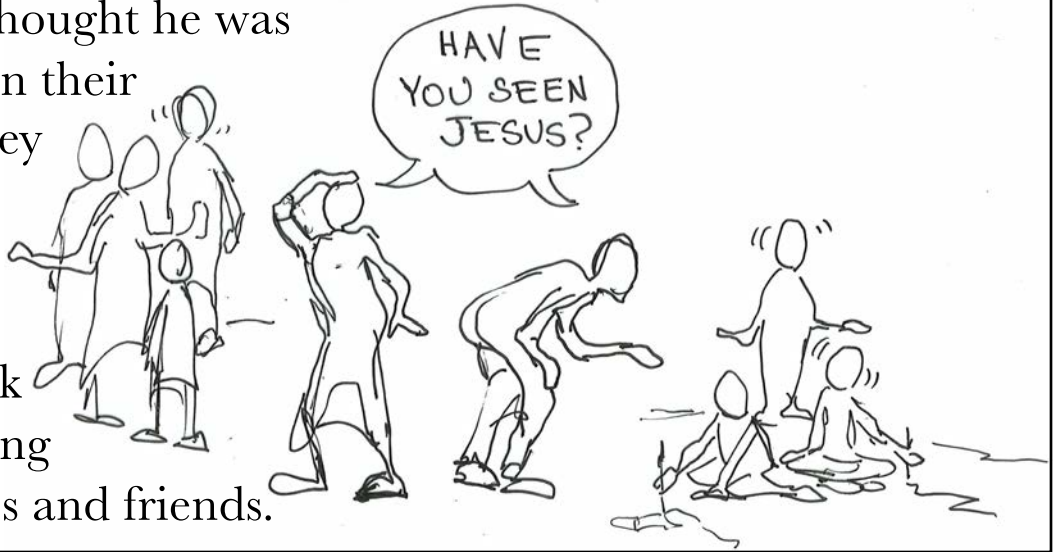
Luke 2:41-52

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom.



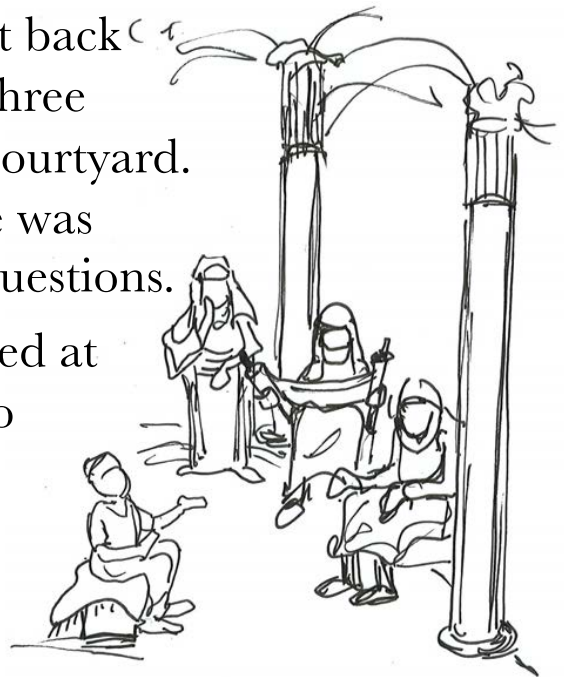
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After the feast was over, his parents left to go back home. The boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But they were not aware of it. They thought he was somewhere in their group. So they traveled on for a day. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and friends.



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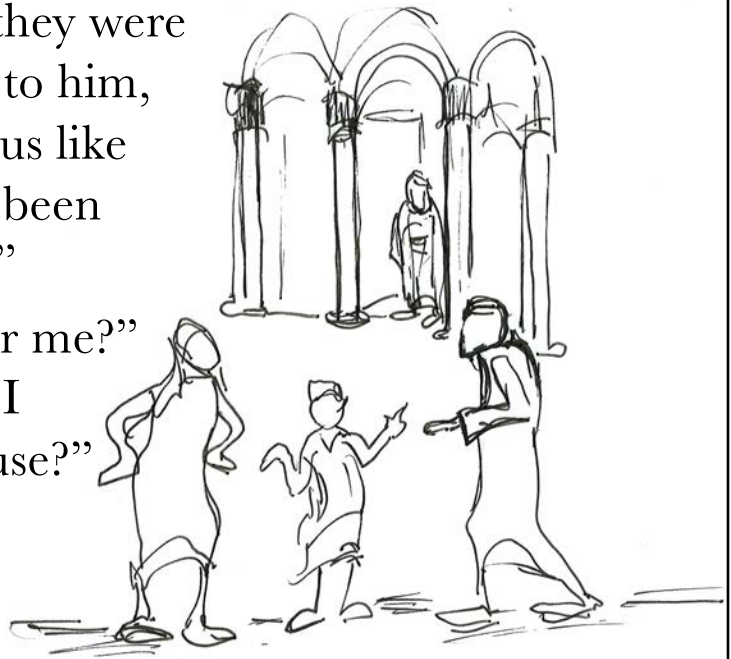
They did not find him. So they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courtyard. He was sitting with the teachers. He was listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at how much he understood. They also were amazed at his answers.



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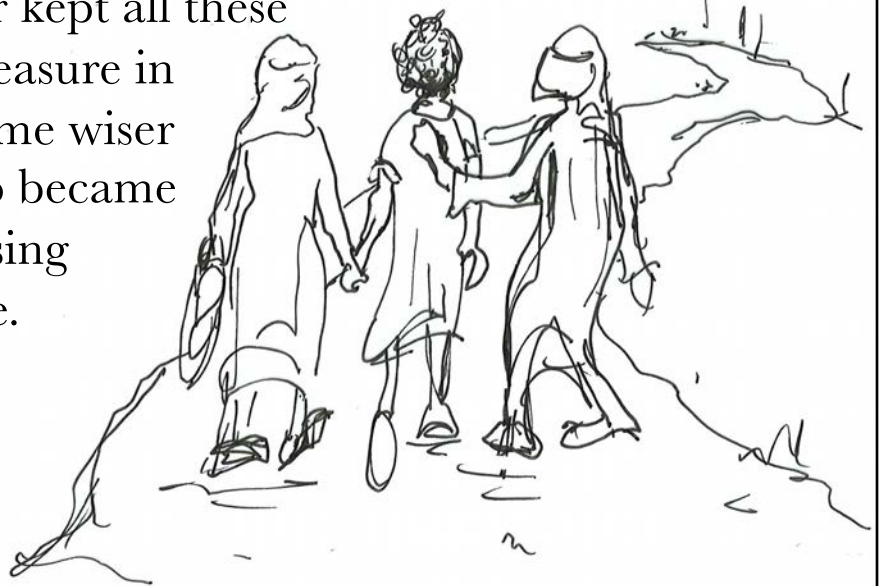
When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”

“Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he was saying to them.



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Then he went back to Nazareth with them, and he obeyed them. But his mother kept all these things like a secret treasure in her heart. Jesus became wiser and stronger. He also became more and more pleasing to God and to people.



14

- Outsiders' view of Jesus
 - Amazed at His knowledge and ability to interact about God's ways with highly educated men
 - Similar to reactions to the Holy Spirit in disciples
 - "Where did they get this learning?"

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- Outsiders' view of Jesus: **amazed**
- Jesus' parents
 - Looked at Jesus like other boys His age
 - Astonished that He was in the temple
 - And that He was interacting with the teachers of the Law
 - Felt poorly treated by Jesus (because they didn't understand)
 - Rebuked Him for being 'irresponsible'
 - **They did not understand Jesus' true identity**

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- Other people's view of Jesus: **amazed**
- Jesus' parents: **did not understand Jesus' deity**
- Jesus: **knew He was the Son of God & of human parents**
 - Thought it was obvious that He would be in the temple
 - Understood His true identity as the Son of God
 - We don't know when or how that happened
 - We know that he continued to learn and grow
 - Submitted to (put Himself under) humans who didn't fully understand
 - Perhaps He was still learning to understand humanity
 - And He would learn still more through suffering

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Big Idea

Jesus is fully God	in perfect unity with the Father entirely without sin all the fullness of God in human form ...with self-limited experience
and fully human	had to grow had to learn got tired and hungry had to submit to people

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Big Idea

Jesus is fully God
and fully human

It is hard to see both at once

In Jesus' day:

- people saw His humanity
- Jesus taught His deity
- Proved His deity by His miracles & resurrection

Today:

- some see mostly (only?) humanity
- some see mostly (only?) deity

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Big Idea

Jesus is fully God
and fully human

There is nothing He cannot do!

He would help but He can't

He is eager to show His love

He could help but He won't ('deism')

Today:

- some see mostly (only?) humanity
- some see mostly (only?) deity

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Application

Rejoice in the deity of Jesus

- We **pray** to the One...
 - who made everything that was made
 - who holds everything and everyone together
 - who is interceding before Almighty God for us
- We **obey** the One...
 - who has total authority & perfectly understands everything
 - who did all things well
- We **trust** the One...
 - who has power to raise the dead and open hearts

→ Hope is never lost for anyone who knows Jesus!

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Application

Rejoice in the deity of Jesus

Rejoice in the humanity of Jesus

- We **pray** to the One...
 - who **has compassion** on those who are weak and tired
 - who **understands** our weaknesses
- We **obey** the One...
 - who designed our bodies and our world
 - who gives us the ability to think, analyze, plan, & evaluate
- We **trust** the One...
 - who endured temptation, hunger, agony, betrayal
 - **who is active with us and in us always, to the end of the age**

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- Jesus understands when I am...

tired and discouraged

- Yet...

His strength and courage are limitless

23

- Jesus understands when I am...

tempted to sin

- Yet...

**He never once gave in to temptation
He perfectly sees through all lies in temptations**

24

- Jesus understands when I am...
am lost and confused and don't know which way to turn
- Yet...
He has perfect wisdom and knowledge
He is never lost or confused

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- Jesus understands when I am...
powerless
- Yet...
He made the universe by His word
He can bring the dead back to life in a moment

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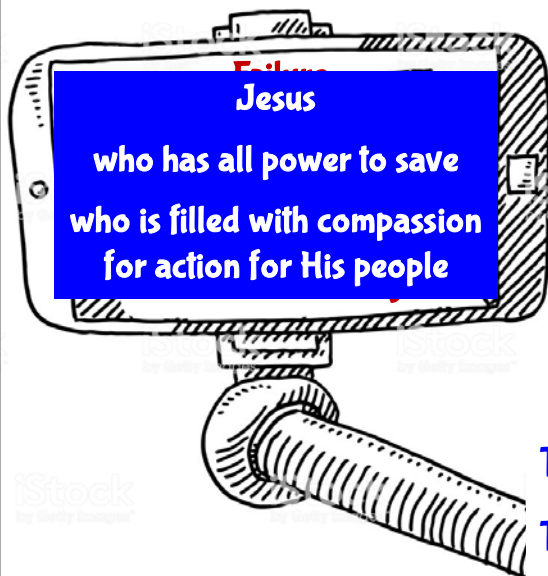
Big Idea

Jesus is fully God
and fully human

In His deity, He has perfect ability help us
In His humanity, He has compassion on our weaknesses
And by the Holy Spirit, He is active
in us and in our world continuously

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What do you see when you look at...



- Your relationships
- Your life responsibilities: work, family, ...
- Your studies
- Your future
- Your past
- Yourself
- Our church
- Our world

There is always hope for all who know Jesus!

**The one who raised people from the dead
can make a way when there is no way!**

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Big Idea

Jesus is fully God
and fully human

Jesus' parents felt poorly treated

because they didn't understand His identity

Sometimes we might feel poorly treated by God

as if He cannot do what we need

as if He does not care to help us

Jesus, by the Holy Spirit, is active

in us and in our world continuously

for His glory and for our final and complete joy!

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Big Idea

Jesus is fully God
and fully human

**Will you (again) trust
the One who is
fully God and fully human?**

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