

December 31, 2017 Scott Harris, Executive Pastor Luke 2:40-52; 3:21-22

Jesus' Mission Begins

I. The Mission Launch

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10

- II. The Pre-launch (Luke 2:41-52)
 - A. A <u>Sure</u> Foundation (Luke 2:41-44)

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. Luke 2:41

Should we make our kids go to church and participate in church activities?

Family spiritual formation: What does your family do well?

- □ Parents deeply love God (Deuteronomy 6:1-6)
- □ Relationally teach children (Deuteronomy 6:7-9, 20-25)
- □ Live In the world carefully, as to please God (Deuteronomy 6:10-19)
- □ Fertile home atmosphere (Ephesians 5:22-6:4)
- B. A Strong Resolution (Luke 2:45-50)

And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?" Luke 2:49

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At what age can you start to make a difference for Jesus?

C. A <u>Solid</u> Preparation (Luke 2:49 and 52)

Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man. Luke 2:52

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Luke 2:49

Here is the basic learning process seen in this story. Check the area(s) you would like to improve on:

- □ Humility
- Seeking
- □ Listening
- □ Asking

III. The Public Launch (Luke 3:21 & 22)

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:21-22

A. His Baptism Statement:

I am about my Father's business.

B. My Resolutions

My Personal 2018 Spiritual Resolution: _____

My Family 2018 Spiritual Resolution: _____

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