



Growing FAITH at home

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

YEAR C

My Father's house



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CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. As a boy, Jesus grew wiser and stronger. He grew *mentally, physically, spiritually* and *emotionally*. In what ways would you like to grow?
2. In spending time at the temple, Jesus showed his desire to grow spiritually. What steps are you taking to grow as a Christian?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	Luke 2:41-52	The boy Jesus at the temple
M	1 Sam 2:18-20, 26	Samuel was ministering
T	Col 3:12-17	Living as those made alive in Christ
W	Luke 2:21-40	Jesus presented at the temple
T	Mark 11:15-18	Jesus clears the temple
F	Luke 20:1-8	Jesus teaches at the temple
S	Psalms 148	Praise the Lord

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?"

LUKE 2:49



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Colossians 3:16 invites us to take in God's Word like a rich treasure.

Agree on one or more goals as a household to help you grow in God's Word.

For example:

- Learn a Bible verse together each month
- Read through a book of the Bible together
- Listen to Christian music in your home
- Learn some Christian songs
- Have some personal devotion times



ACTION RESPONSE

December 26 was observed as "Boxing Day" in many parts of the world. The name of the day is derived from a tradition of giving gifts (a "Christmas box") to the less fortunate members of society.

Do you have excess non-perishable food items in your home after Christmas? Gather these together in a box to donate to a household in need or to a local charity.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we join together these Christmas days, with shepherds and angels, to give you praise. Be present here, as at the stable, and bless the sharing around our table. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord God, help me to grow wiser and stronger as your servant. Amen.



BLESSING

May God's favour rest on you. May you grow wise and strong as his child.