

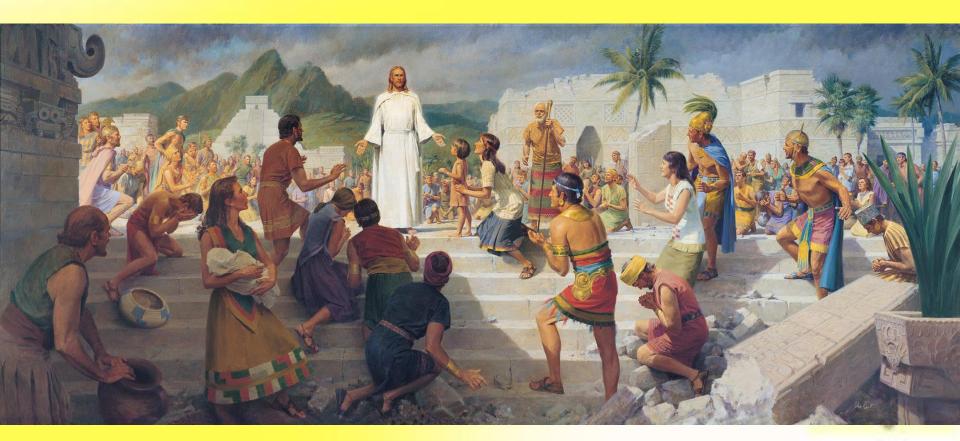
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JESUS WHO OBEYED THE COMMANDMENTS



Jesus is the son of God who became man to give us salvation. Jesus, was born in Bethlehem, grew in Nazareth. He lived in a small house in Nazareth with His mother and his foster-father Joseph.

Jesus, the Jewish boy, obeyed God's commands in all things.



Jesus helped Joseph in His work as a carpenter. He also assisted his mother in her works. He was obedient to His parents. On Sabbath day, He went to the Synagogue according to the Jewish law and participated in the prayers and studies. Every year, He went to the temple and took part in their festal celebrations. Thus he grew up. His parents and everybody else were pleased with Him.



St. Luke, the evangelist records of Jesus thus: Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature and in favour with God and men (Luke 2:52)

Jesus grew in wisdom.
Jesus grew in age.
Jesus grew in favour with God.
Jesus grew in favour with men

Like Jesus, we too have to grow in wisdom, age and in favour with God and men. It is made possible when we obey these commandments.



Jesus, who was born a Jew observed not only God's commandments but also the special rules of Jewish society. Similarly we, who have become the members of the Catholic Church through baptism, have to obey the laws of the Church along with God's commandments. The Church give five commandments. When we obey them we grow as children of God and members of the Church.



Five precepts of the church

- . You shall attend Holy Mass on Sundays and days of obligation.
- 2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year and receive holy communion during the Easter season.
- 3. You shall keep fasting and abstinence on the days fixed by the Church.
- 4. You shall not celebrate marriage in forbidden seasons and with forbidden people.
- 5. You shall contribute to the support of the Church and the Pastors according to the norms fixed by the authorities of the Church.

Obligatory feast days

- 1. Dhukrana of St. Thomas
- 2. The assumption of our BI. Mother
- 3. Christmas

(July 3) (Aug 15) (Dec 25)



Days of abstinence from meat

Days of Vibhoothi (First day of the great lent) and all Fridays in the year except the Fridays between Christmas and Denaha and the Friday after Easter.

Fasting days

Day of Vibhoothi & Good Friday



Let us find out the answers

- 1. To whom was Jesus obedient?
- 2. Where did Jesus grew up?
- 3. What are the precepts of the Church?
- 4. Which are the feast days of obligation?

Let us pray

Jesus who obeyed your parents, give me the blessing to grow in wisdom, age and in favour with God and men.



LET US SING

Let us grow in wisdom, in stature, And with God and people in favour.

Learn by heart

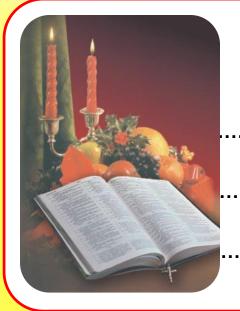
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The precepts of the Church

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Bible reading

Luke. 2:41-52



My favorite Bible sentence

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Write in proper order: Write the following things in the proper order in which it happened:

Jesus came to Nazareth and lived in obedience to His parents.	Jesus came to Nazareth and lived in obedience to His parents.
At the age of twelve he went to celebrate the feast.	At the age of twelve he went to celebrate the feast.
His parents saw Jesus and were surprised.	Jesus was found in the temple.
In the temple Jesus asked questions.	In the temple Jesus asked questions.
Jesus was found in the temple.	His parents saw Jesus and were surprised.

Let us Write

Things that boy Jesus did	Things that we do
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My decision

Just like Jesus, I will fight the temptation in my life with the power of prayer.

