

Early Days and Boyhood of Jesus

Lesson aim: To show that the events surrounding Jesus' birth fulfilled OT prophecy and that Jesus' early life attests to the fact that He was the Christ.

The visit of the wise men--Mt. 2:1-12

- 1. What testimony did the wise men supply about who Jesus is? What miracle confirmed their testimony?*
- 2. Did the wise men visit Jesus at the same time and place as the shepherds? Were they "three kings"?*
- 3. What is significant about Jesus being born in Bethlehem?*

The flight to Egypt--Mt. 2:13-18

- 1. What prophecy did the flight to Egypt fulfill?*
- 2. What prophecy was fulfilled in the slaying of the infant males of Bethlehem?*

New Home in Nazareth--Mt. 2:19-23 (Lk. 2:39)

- 1. What is the significance of the fact that Jesus lived in Nazareth?*

A brief description of Jesus' boyhood--Lk. 2:40

The visit to Jerusalem--Lk. 2:41-50

- 1. What does Jesus' remarks at the temple reveal about Him?*

The adolescence of Jesus--Lk. 2:51-52

- 1. What was Jesus' attitude toward his parents as a teenager?*

Research challenge:



See what you can find out about the Jewish bar mitzvah. How might this affect our understanding of Jesus' visit to Jerusalem at age 12?