

ye sought me? Wist ye not (or, Did you not know) that I must be about my Father's business?" While he was always obedient to his mother and to Joseph, who was supposed to be his earthly father, yet he wished them to remember that he had come to do the will of his heavenly Father.

We may be sure that Jesus spoke to his mother in a loving and proper manner. He did not refuse to return to his home. He soon left the temple, and went with her to Nazareth, where, as a child, he was still "subject to her"; that is, he loved and obeyed her as a dutiful son. He lived in her lowly home, shared her humble fare, and was the companion and kind friend of those who lived in the little town.

After this, all that is told us of the childhood of Jesus is, that "he increased