

# HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 5.

JULY 29th 1894.

3rd QUARTER.

The Youth of Jesus. Luke 2: 40-52.

GOLDEN TEXT: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Luke 2: 52.

COMMIT TO MEMORY verses 46-49. CHILDREN'S HYMNAL, 33, 232, 215, 207.

PROVE THAT—Children should obey their parents. Eph. 6: 1.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

## DAILY PORTIONS.

(The Selections of the International Bible Reading Association.)

MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH.
Luke 2: 40-52	Deut. 16: 1-8	Matt. 13: 53-58	Col. 3: 12-20	Prov. 4: 1-9	Prov. 2: 1-9	Prov. 3: 1-6

To the Teacher—Do not credit any Scholar with having prepared the lesson who does not at least try to answer the questions. Take the leaflet home and assign a value to each answer, announcing the result on the following Sabbath. Take, or send, the Leaflet to absent scholars.

Always bring your Bible and Shorter Catechism to the Sabbath School.

## HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY.—The incident of our lesson marks Christ's coming of legal age and his entrance upon Jewish citizenship. With his first passover he assumed the duties of a full member of the Jewish church. Of the preceding years since the return to Nazareth we know nothing. Nor have we any information of the next eighteen. This is the solitary notice of the life of our Lord between the return from Egypt and his baptism at the age of thirty. It was a memorable crisis in his religious life and the story should be full of instruction to those especially who have passed the age of twelve and have not yet taken their places at the Christian Passover, the Lord's Supper.

LESSON PLAN. I. Jesus at the Feast. vs. 40-45. II. Jesus in the Temple. vs. 46-50. III. Jesus at Nazareth. vs. 51-52.

I. JESUS AT THE FEAST. 40. The child grew—The R. V. omits "in spirit." "The child grew, and became strong, becoming filled with wisdom." He developed in body, mind and soul like any other child. He enjoyed his sports and learnt his lessons; always tried to do what was right and was goodnatured and obliging. God was well pleased with him and everybody liked him. Try every day to do what you think Jesus would have done in your place. 41. His parents—of course Joseph was not his father, but he would take an earthly father's care of him. The law did not require Mary to go to Jerusalem, but she loved God's house and his worship. (Ex. 23: 14-17). Feast—rather "festival." What did this commemorate? (Ex. 12). 42. Twelve years old—At this age a Jewish boy was called "a son of the law," and was required to go up to the passover. When he returned home he had to learn a trade, for he was now considered as grown up. There was now no danger in his going to Jerusalem, for Archelaus had been dethroned and the circumstances connected with his childhood were forgotten. Simeon and Anna were probably dead. After the custom of the feast—i. e. since the feast required their attendance at Jerusalem. 43. Fulfilled the days—How many days did the feast last? (Ex. 12: 15). The child Jesus—R. V. "the boy." Up to this point he has been called "a little boy." Tarried behind—He was so interested in the services and the discussions that he did not notice that the others had started for home. His parent thought that

he was with the other boys of the company. **44. A day's journey**—at nightfall they looked for him amongst the caravan. They knew how thoughtful and obedient he was so had no fears for his safety or good conduct when out of sight. We can imagine their distress when he was not found. They would sleep little that night or the next.

**II. JESUS IN THE TEMPLE. 46. In the Temple**—They looked a whole day and part of the next before they looked in the most likely place. He was in one of the rooms of the temple where the rabbis were teaching. **Doctors**—R. V. marg. "Teachers." Jesus was sitting among the scholars around the feet of the rabbis who were teaching such inquirers as he. The only book these were studying was the Bible. Jesus was here a Bible Class Scholar. He was attentive for he listened to the teacher; he was prepared, for he could ask intelligent questions; he had read his Bible thoughtfully, for his questions showed a clear understanding of the subject. We are not to think of the meek child as assuming to instruct the aged. He understood the Bible better than they because the Holy Spirit, and his own pure heart taught him. Every teacher likes to

have the scholar ask good questions. **48. Amazed**—to find him so employed in such a place. **Thy father**—Perhaps Mary had not yet told Jesus the story of his birth. His answer hints that he knew it. **49. My Father's business**—R. V. "in my Father's house." Lit. "among my Father's matters." "Where my Father's affairs are carried on, there you might have known that his Son would be found." These are the only words of Jesus which we have during the first thirty years of his life. **50. They understood not**—We can understand better than either Mary or the disciples what Jesus meant on many occasions. They had not yet seen him die, nor were the epistles written. (Luke 18: 34).

**III. JESUS AT NAZARETH. 51. Was subject unto them**—He did not think it brave or manly to disobey his parents. Read Ex. 20: 12; Prov. 1: 8; Col. 3: 20. He took up his father's trade. (Mark 6: 3). **52.** Jesus went on growing stronger and wiser and more loveable. Every boy or girl that tries to be like him will find that they too grow in favor with God and man.

**To the Scholar.**—Study the lesson carefully, turning up the marginal references and reading the "Daily Portions." Then close your Bible and try to answer in writing the questions following *without accepting aid from any quarter* after you have begun to write. Then bring this leaflet to Sabbath School with you on the day of its date. If you cannot come, fill out the blank and send the leaflet (with the answers written out) to your teacher by some friend, or by mail, and you will receive credit for the work done as if you had been present. If your excuse is satisfactory, you will not lose in record of attendance.

1. How is the child Jesus described? (4)
2. At what age did he go to his first passover? (2)
3. Why did he linger in the temple? (6)
4. What answer did he give his mother? (5)
5. How did he behave towards his parents? (4)
6. In what did Jesus increase? (4)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Teacher,—Please excuse my absence from Sabbath School to-day, I cannot come because \_\_\_\_\_ I have read the "Daily Portions" and answered the questions as well as I could. I have committed to memory \_\_\_\_\_ verses in addition to the Golden Text, and \_\_\_\_\_ Questions in the Catechism and have recited them to \_\_\_\_\_ I was at church \_\_\_\_\_ I send with this my Weekly Offering of \_\_\_\_\_ cents.