

Text: Luke 1:1-4; 2:21-52
Topics: Children, Parenting, Word of God
Series: That You Know Jesus

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The Making of a Good Childhood

I. The Research (1:1-4)

The gospel of Luke is a trustworthy account of the life and teachings of Jesus.

II. The Rearing (2:21-52)

The Parents of Jesus (21-24; 39-41)

Application?

The Prophecies about Jesus (25-38)

Application?

Jesus had some very good influences in His childhood, and He made some wise choices.

The Practices of Jesus (42-52)

Application?

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. Reflect on your childhood. Did you have good parents? Were you a good kid to raise? Did you have good spiritual examples and instruction?

2. Read Luke 1:1-4. Is there enough in this introduction to make you confident of the truthfulness of what Luke will write? Explain.

3. Read Luke 2:21-24 and 2:39-41. Make a summary statement of what Luke writes about the parenting of Joseph and Mary. How might they have been characterized by those without faith?

What can you learn from their example in your own parenting, or to encourage other young parents?

4. Read Luke 2:25-38. Why would the prophecies about Jesus have been both exciting and difficult for Joseph and Mary to hear?

God's plan for Jesus is given to Joseph and Mary. How do we discern God's plan for our lives? How do we help our children know God's plan for them?

5. From Luke 2:42-52, what are the good things Jesus did as a child?

Knowing that you cannot make a child choose wisely like Jesus did, how could you help a child make wise choices?

6. What's the biggest personal application from Luke 2:21-52 for you?