

EARLY CHILDHOOD ACTIVITY PAGE

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First, watch the video at hillsideonline.com/kids, then follow the steps below!

STEP ONE: Repeat the verse twice with the motions!

"Everyone

(arms out and around)

who heard Him

(hands behind ears)

was amazed."

(hold hands like binoculars, open and shut)

Luke 2:47

(open hands like a book)

STEP TWO: Have fun with the activity, "Crawl Then Walk"!

What you need:

No supplies needed

What you do:

Find a space in your home where your preschooler can move around. Talk with them about how when we are babies, we get to places by crawling. Then, tell your child to crawl like they did when they were a baby. Then explain how when we get bigger, we walk. Now, tell your kid to walk. Switch back and forth between crawling and walking. Feel free to join in the fun!

Say, "When we celebrated Christmas, we were celebrating that Jesus was born. He was a baby. How do babies move around? Yes, they crawl! Today, we heard a story about when Jesus had started to grow up. He was a big boy. Let's pretend to be Jesus as a baby and Jesus as a boy.

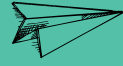
Show me how you crawl. Now, show me how you walk around. Great! Let's crawl. (Pause.) Now walk. (Pause.) Crawl. (Repeat as long as desired.)

In our story today, we heard about the time when Jesus was a boy and went to the temple with Mary and Joseph for a big celebration for God. But Jesus got separated from Mary and Joseph and they couldn't find him in the crowd. Jesus was talking with some grown-ups about God. They were amazed at how much Jesus knew about God. Even as a child, Jesus was out-of-this-world amazing. Jesus is God's Son, and He is amazing. Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing."

STEP THREE: Pray together as a family!

"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to do amazing things like teach us about YOU! Jesus is Your Son, so we can trust what He says about You. You are SO good, God! And we love You! In Jesus' name, amen."

STEP FOUR: Encourage your child to draw Jesus teaching!



"Jesus taught the grown-ups about God when He was only a child."