

Oak Arbor New Church Sunday School: Lessons for Preschool – Kindergarten

Lesson 2.15: YOUNG JESUS AMAZES THE SCHOLARS — Luke 2:41-52

TEACHER PREPARATION

Read over Luke 2:41-52.

WORSHIP CIRCLE

STORY AND DISCUSSION

We've just passed a very special holiday. What was it? (Christmas.) Why is Christmas so special? (It's the Lord's birthday.)

When Jesus was a little child, Joseph and Mary had to take Him and run away from Bethlehem because the evil king Herod wanted to kill Him! Joseph and Mary and Jesus went to a land called Egypt, and hid there until king Herod was dead. (Show picture of flight into Egypt.)

After Herod was dead, it was safe to come back, so Joseph and Mary brought Jesus back to live in the city of Nazareth. In Nazareth, Jesus grew into a big boy, Who was very kind and loving.

Now once every year, Joseph and Mary traveled to a city called Jerusalem for a special celebration, called the Feast of the Passover. They would take Jesus and travel along with a group of other people who were their friends and relatives.

In the year that Jesus was twelve years old, they went to Jerusalem for the special feast, and stayed for a few days. Then it was time to go, so Joseph and Mary started traveling back home to Nazareth. Jesus was not with them, but they thought He must be traveling with some other friends or relatives.

After they had been traveling for a whole day, Mary and Joseph realized that Jesus wasn't anywhere near them! They looked and looked, but couldn't find Him anywhere! They were very worried, and hurried back to Jerusalem to look for Him.

Mary and Joseph searched for three days in Jerusalem. Then finally they found Jesus in the temple. Remember that the temple was the church in Jerusalem. There was Jesus, sitting with many grown-up teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone that was nearby was amazed to hear how many things He knew, even though He was only twelve years old. Do you know why Jesus knew so much? (Because He was the Lord God!)

Mary and Joseph came into the temple. They were very glad to see Him, but Mary scolded Him a little, and said, 'Son, why have You done this to us? Joseph and I have been worried, and have been looking all over for You!'

Jesus answered 'Why did you look for Me?' "Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" Mary and Joseph didn't understand what He meant, but we can know. Remember

that the Lord is so amazing that He could be Jesus down on earth and the Father in heaven at the same time. When He said He must do his Father's business, He meant that He must learn and grow so that He could teach people and help people and bring them into heaven.

So the Lord went back to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph, and did as He was told. He lived there until He grew up, and started to teach all people about God and heaven.

RECITATION

Now we will say something from this story in the Lord's Word. I will say a part, and then you say it after me.

“Did you not know
that I must be about
My Father's business?”

PROJECT

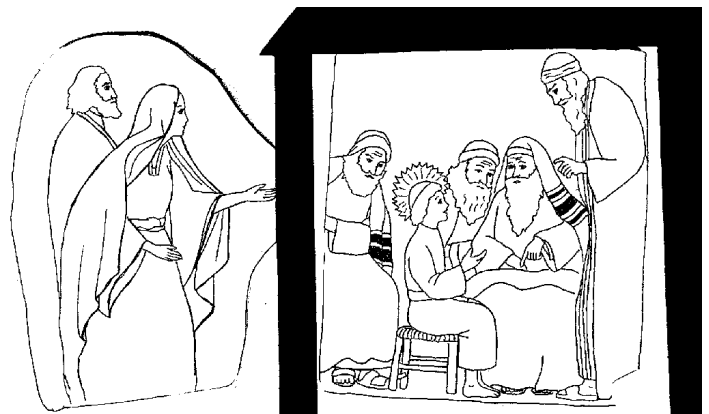
Ahead of time:

1. Using the pattern, cut for each child a “temple” out of construction paper.
2. Photocopy for each child the pictures of Jesus in the temple, and of Mary and Joseph.
3. Have for each child a white sheet of construction paper, and write “MARY AND JOSEPH FIND JESUS IN THE TEMPLE” in the upper left-hand corner.

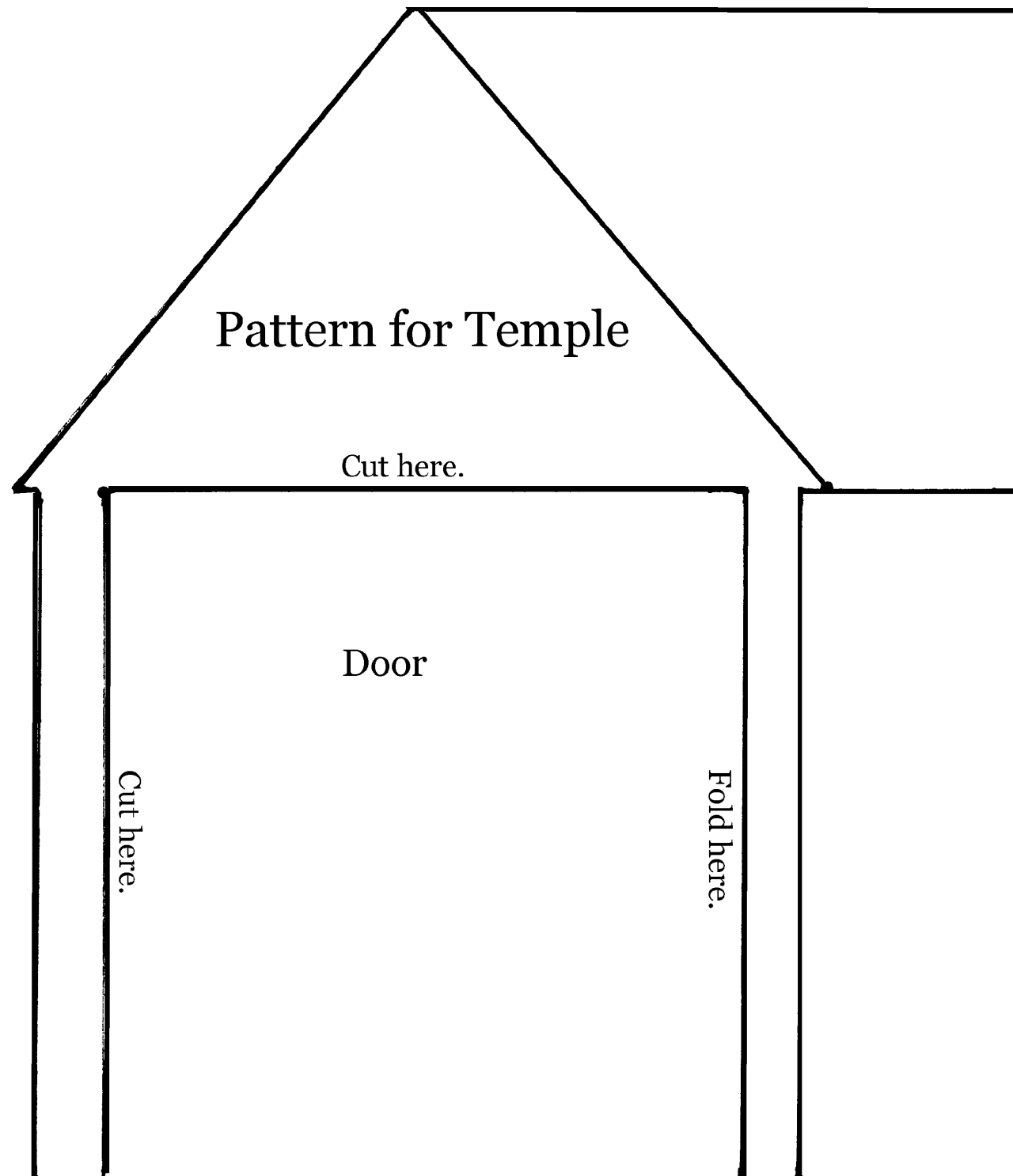
Doing the project:

1. Have the children glue the “temple” at the right—hand side of the white construction paper. (Don't let them put glue on the door!)
2. Have them cut out the picture of Jesus speaking to the teachers, and remind them what it is a picture of.
3. Have them glue the picture of Jesus inside the door of the temple.
4. Have them cut out Mary and Joseph, and glue them to the left of the temple.
5. Show them how they can help Mary and Joseph find Jesus by opening the door.
6. Now they may color the picture.

Example:







Pattern for Temple

Cut here.

Door

Cut here.

Fold here.