



Sunday 18th June— 9:30am Catholic Hall

## Luke 4:1-13 Knowing God is With Us in Times of Testing

*A reminder of Sunday's BD message ..... Luke 2:41-52*

It's a big responsibility to raise a child. But, imagine the responsibility given to Mary and Joseph, to raise the Son of God!

In today's reading, Jesus is 12 years old and he is right on the border between being under His parent's control and authority and having the expectation of a man (by Jewish customs this was around the age of 13). Jesus had travelled with Mary & Joseph to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. It was a 4 day walk there and a 4 day walk back again. It was on the return journey that Mary and Joseph realised Jesus was not with them. It took them 3 days to find him (imagine their panic) and when he was found, he was sitting in the temple among the teachers, listening and asking questions.

At this point, Jesus was learning. He was learning about the things of God and the Jewish Law and customs. There would come a time when He would argue that they were wrong—but for now he's studying and learning. But there is something Jesus didn't have to learn—he already knew. He knew that Joseph was with earthly father, but His real father was God. And God was his priority.

So when Mary asks ...."why have you treated us so"? Jesus responds with ...."did you not know that I must be **in the things** of my Father". But what is astounding here is vs 51 where we are told that even though Jesus *knew* that He was the Son of God—he still submitted to His earthly parents. The ruler of the universe, submitted to his earthly Mum and Dad.

Jesus Christ, the son of God, had a balanced growth into adulthood. And a balanced growth is what our children too require:

1. **Wisdom**—this is different to 'cleverness'. Wisdom is the ability to use knowledge and reason with the help of the Spirit of God, to know the right and Godly thing to do in every situation. We are told that Jesus 'increased in wisdom' as He grew! We too should demonstrate wisdom to our children by looking to God's word to help us make wise life decisions.
2. **Physical growth**—Jesus grew in stature. We too teach our children to eat healthy food and exercise (but not make this the only thing we focus on). It's a matter of balance!
3. **Social growth**—Jesus grew in favour with God AND man. Jesus knew how to interact with people. We too teach our children how to interact with others.
4. **Spiritual growth**—a growth in Godliness. Our children need to see that the most important thing for us is our relationship with God. Let your children see you pray, read God's word and make worship a priority.

Jesus had a unique attachment to the Father. His relationship with the Father took priority over every other relationship.

### Bush Disciples June Roster 2023

Date	Opening Prayer	Kids Story	Bible Reading	Com-munion	Closing Prayer	Morning tea
18/06	D&R	D&P	LK	A&M	J&S	B&R



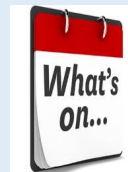
*Cooper John Yarrow ....*

*May your ears be opened to hear God's word, may your heart be softened to God's life-giving Gospel. May God grant you grace to grow in wisdom and understanding, to work with Christ in love and justice in the world and to walk with the Spirit in the ways of peace.*

**Men's Prayer Meeting** 6am "Mywybilla" every Wednesday

**KYB**—6th June 9:30am Revelation Unit 9

**Men's Bible Study**—7:30pm every Tuesday Mywybilla



### Order of Service 18th June 2023

<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Prayer</b>	Dave & Ruth
<b>Song</b>	Chelsea & Rhonda
<b>Children's Story</b>	David & Pauline
<b>Song</b>	Chelsea & Rhonda
<b>Bible Reading</b> Luke 4:1-13	Lucienne Krause
<b>Message</b>	Knowing God is With Us in Times of Testing Michael Brumpton
<b>Song</b>	Chelsea & Rhonda
<b>Communion</b>	Andrew & Monique
<b>Song</b>	Chelsea & Rhonda
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Justin & Sarah
<b>Computer Operation</b>	Harry Krause
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Bruce & Rhonda