



A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of December 30, 2018

Luke 2:41-52, *In The Temple*

This week, Steve Shelby preached on [Luke 2:41-52](#).

- This is the only story included in the Gospels between Jesus' infancy and His life and ministry as an adult.
 - This is frankly a fairly muted and even reticent story, given the really crazy stories that circulated about Jesus as a child.
 - This story looks authentic to me precisely because it is understated.

- Luke is concerned with eyewitnesses:
 - “Just as those from the beginning were eyewitnesses” ([Luke 1:2](#)).
 - “And all who heard them, laid them up in their hearts” ([Luke 1:66](#)).
 - “But Mary treasured up all these things pondering them in her heart” ([Luke 2:19](#)).
 - “And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart” ([Luke 2:51](#)).

- Jesus and His family loved the Law of Moses. They were pious keepers of the Law.
 - What kind of boy was Jesus? Trustworthy?
 - Jesus demonstrates His love for the Law by study and by talking about it.
 - How is it possible that Jesus “grew”? Though He was in the form of God, He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant” ([Philippians 2:6-7](#)).
 - He sought out teachers. He had “conference”.
 - Your Father, and my Father.

- New Year's Resolution

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First Sunday after Christmas Day, Sunday, December 30, 2018

I Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Samuel Grew in Favor

Psalms 148
God's Splendor over All the Earth

Colossians 3:12-17
Clothe Yourselves in Love

Luke 2:41-52
Jesus Increased in Favor

Reflection on Sunday, December 30

Monday

I Kings 3:5-14
God Grants Discernment

John 8:12-19
I am the Light of the World

Tuesday (New Year's Day)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
To Everything a Season

Psalms 8
Exalted is Your Name

Revelation 21:1-6a
New Heavens and New Earth

Matthew 25:31-46
Sheep and Goats

Wednesday

Proverbs 1:1-7
Grow in Wisdom

James 3:13-18
Wisdom from Above

Daily

Psalms 147:12-20
Praise the Lord

Preparation for Sunday, January 6

Thursday

Job 42:10-17
The Family of Job

Luke 8:16-21
The Family of Jesus

Friday

Isaiah 6:1-5
Holy

Acts 7:44-53
What Kind of House?

Saturday

Jeremiah 31:7-14
I Will Lead Them Back

John 1:10-18
God with Us

Daily

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14
All Shall Bow