

## **AND JESUS GREW...**

As preached on Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

**Read:** Luke 2:41-52

1. We have just completed the beautiful journey of Advent and the joyous celebration of Christmas. But Jesus didn't remain a baby. What happened next? Take a moment to read Matthew 2:19-23.
2. How would you summarize Jesus' first 3 or 4 years? How do you think his experience in those years changed and shaped him? What about his parents?
3. How might the fact that Joseph, Mary, and Jesus were refugees change the way we view the refugee crisis in our world today?
4. As you read through this morning's passage in Luke, what jumps out at you? Have you ever "lost" a child the way Mary & Joseph did?
5. When Jesus and his parents are finally reunified, he is unconcerned... even calm and confident in what he has been doing. Do his folks seem to understand what Jesus meant when he spoke of being in his "Father's house"?
6. In Luke 2:52 we read of the "missing years" between when Jesus was 12 in the Temple and about 30 as he launched his earthly ministry. What do you imagine his adolescence was like?
7. In what ways do you plan to grow intellectually, physically, socially, and spiritually in 2022?