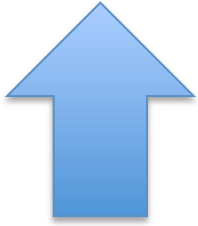


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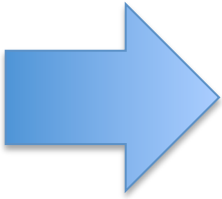
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Write down any new discovery you have made reading these verses.

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Write down the most exciting verse in your opinion and why.

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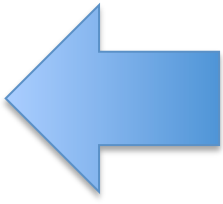
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Symbol 6



Write down something these verses say we should do.

My Thoughts

1) Write something these verses tell us about Jesus / God

- He was a man of great understanding and wisdom
- As a boy he needed to learn?
- God was his Father and his first priority
- He submitted to his earthly parents
- He had special favour with God and men

2) Write something these verses tell us about human nature

- We can assume Jesus is with us when he is not
- People are searching for Jesus
- Without Jesus we are in 'great distress'
- We do not always understand or 'get' Jesus
- People treasure time with Jesus

3) Write down any new discovery you have made reading these verses

- It took Jesus' parents 3 days to find him
- Jesus knew he was the 'Son of God' as a child
- Jesus still submitted to his earthly parents

4) Write down the most exciting verse in your opinion and why

- V 49 '... Did you not know that I must be in my Fathers house?'
 - Jesus dedication to his Father (God) was amazing
 - His Father came first for Jesus over above everything and everybody else
 - This dedication is was brought him to earth & ultimately took him to the cross
 - Jesus was all about the 'Glory of God'

5) Write anything you don't understand or want to ask about

- Why didn't his parents notice sooner?!
- Where they right to be angry / annoyed with Jesus?
- Did Jesus need to learn? If so... until when?!
- Was it wrong that Jesus didn't follow his parents?

6) Write down something these verses say we should do

- Don't automatically abandon all custom / tradition
- Search for Jesus and find him in 'His Fathers House' – in church, in his word, in prayer, in Christians
- Be 'amazed' at Jesus and expect distress without Jesus
- Treasure our relationship & encounters with Jesus 'in our hearts'
- Don't assume we're with Jesus, make sure we can see him - We know we'll find him in his Fathers house
- Follow God first and above all other priorities / things

Key Challenges

- Don't assume we are with Jesus but make sure we are constantly looking at him, talking to him and seeking him. Make sure we are following Jesus and not expecting Jesus to follow us.
- Be dedicated to God above all else inc. earthly relationships & even good desires (e.g. evangelism)
- **Treasure** time with Jesus not just 'have' time. Make regular time to 'treasure' with God.