

Joseph: A Model Parent

Luke 2:39-52

Joseph & Mary modeled obeying the Old Testament

Scriptures: verses 39-42

v. 39 – performed everything according to the Law of the Lord – Jesus circumcised the 8th day & taking Him to the temple in Jerusalem for dedication & Mary’s purification after child birth.

v. 41-42 – every year they went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover – This was commanded of all Jewish men to go to Jerusalem for the Passover – Exodus 23:14-17; Deuteronomy 16:1-6, 16-17

Joseph lived by God’s Word, modeled it and taught it to his family – like the nation of Israel was commanded in Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Joseph was neither over-bearing nor neglectful as a father. Verses 43-45.

(Ephesians 6:4)

Joseph & Mary were amazed at Jesus and His answers when they found Him. Verses 46-52

Jesus at the age of 12 understood who He was, the Son of God and His mission from the Father, yet He submitted to His parents.

He was growing mentally (wisdom), physically (stature), spiritually (in favor with God) and socially (in favor with men).

Do we apply good parenting principles in our families?