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An rfour.org Children's Time Message

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Written for Sunday, December 27, 2015

Christmas – 1st Sunday after Christmas – Lectionary Year C

Scripture: [Luke 2:41-52](#)

[**Summary:** *Jesus is not lost*]

Supplies Needed: No supplies are needed

ASK (a.k.a *The On-Ramp*)

- Good morning!
- I have a question for you. Have you ever had something and then lost it? Like a glove or a shoe or a toy?
- Maybe you'd seen other people lose things, too? Maybe someone you live with once lost their keys, or their wallet or their phone – has that ever happened?
- And when one of those things were lost was there then lots of looking to find that thing until it was found?
- While the looking happened, were there feelings of concern and worry? Maybe even some sadness or fear that the lost thing wouldn't ever be found again?

TELL (a.k.a *The Freeway*)

- So in today's Bible story, we hear that Joseph and Mary have lost something very important...their 12 year old son, Jesus.
- They can't find him anywhere.
- They look for him for three days.
- They finally find him in the Temple, talking to the teachers that are there. Turns out that he's been the whole time.
- Joseph and Mary tell Jesus once they find him that they've been very worried about him
- And, since they couldn't find Jesus, there's this idea that Jesus has been misplaced and that he must be scared and worried.

- But it turns out that Jesus is not scared at all because he knows exactly where he is.

SHARE the Good News (a.k.a. *The Destination*)

- So what we see in 12 year-old Jesus in this story is something we also see in adult Jesus in other Bible stories.
- Jesus is never lost or at a loss of what to do or say. He always knows where he is and where he's going.
- This is a very good quality for a person to have who then invites others to follow him, don't you think?
- And when we follow Jesus, who is never lost, then we will not be lost, either.
- And in a world where things and people so often feel lost, this is a very nice gift for us to be offered
- Then, when we choose to receive this gift of being found, we can also share it with those around us as well.
- And that's the good news for today
- Let's pray. This is a repeat-after-me prayer.

CLOSING Prayer

Dear God,

Dear God,

Thank you for Jesus...

Thank you for Jesus...

...who offers us the gift...

...who offers us the gift...

...of always being at home...

...of always being at home...

...in and with you.

...in and with you.

Thank you and amen