

Questions for Reflection

Consider Jesus as an adolescent, causing his parents to worry about him. Jesus asks his parents, “Why were you searching for me?” If you were a parent of Jesus, how would you answer that question? How do you answer that question for yourself?

For Your Study and Reflection This Week **First Sunday of Christmas**

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people. (v. 26)

Psalm 148

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his host! (vv. 1-2)

Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. (vv. 12-13)

Luke 2:41-52

[Jesus] said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor. (vv. 49-52)

TWO-YEAR DAILY LECTIONARY

Year 1

First Week after Christmas Day

Sunday, December 29, 2024

First Sunday after Christmas

Psalms 93, 96 (*morning*)

Isa. 62:6-7, 10-12

Heb. 2:10-18

Matt. 1:18-25

Psalm 34 (*evening*)

Monday, December 30, 2024

Sixth Day of Christmas

Psalms 20, 21:1-7 (8-14) (*morning*)

Isa. 25:1-9

Rev. 1:9-20

John 7:53—8:11

Psalms 23, 27 (*evening*)

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

Seventh Day of Christmas

Psalms 46, 48 (*morning*)

Isa. 26:1-9 (*morning*)

2 Cor. 5:16—6:2 (*morning*)

John 8:12-19 (*morning*)

Isa. 65:15b-25 (*evening*)

Rev. 21:1-6 (*evening*)

Psalm 90 (*evening*)

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Eighth Day of Christmas

Psalm 103 (*morning*)

Gen. 17:1-12a, 15-16

Col. 2:6-12

John 16:23b-30

Psalms 148 (*evening*)

Thursday, January 2, 2025

Ninth Day of Christmas

Psalm 34 (*morning*)

Gen. 12:1-7

Heb. 11:1-12

John 6:35-42, 48-51

Psalm 33 (*evening*)

Friday, January 3, 2025

Tenth Day of Christmas

Psalm 68 (*morning*)

Gen. 28:10-22

Heb. 11:13-22

John 10:7-17

Psalm 72 (*evening*)

Saturday, January 4, 2025

Eleventh Day of Christmas

Psalms 85, 87 (*morning*)

Exod. 3:1-12

Heb. 11:23-31

John 14:6-14

Psalm 89:1-29 (*evening*)

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Second Sunday after Christmas

Psalms 66, 67 (*morning*)

Ecclus. 3:3-9, 14-17

1 John 2:12-17

John 6:41-47

Psalm 145 (*evening*)

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord Jesus, as you listened to your teachers,
may I also, this day, listen to others with care and grace,
and receive whatever wisdom they may offer. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, you know every struggle I have faced this day:
let me sleep in peace,
confident in your great love in Jesus Christ. Amen.