## Children's Sermon

Have you ever lost or misplaced something – a book, your favorite toy, your homework?

I don't know about you, but I get frustrated when I can't find something I've misplaced. Sometimes it's hours or days, and then there it is, practically in front of me.

In today's Bible reading, Jesus was lost. Jesus and his parents had traveled to another town for a special celebration. When it was time to go home, his parents couldn't find him! They were worried and looked for him, just as all parents would. Finally they found him sitting and talking in the temple with the teachers – Jesus wanted to learn what they knew.

Our parents call us their children. Who else calls us his children? God.

And just like our parents, God is there when we are happy – when we find something we've lost.

And just like our parents, God is there to listen to us when we are unhappy and need to talk to someone.

And just like our parents, God loves us each and every day.

How great is that!

Let us pray.

Thank you, God, for being there when we're happy, when we're sad, and most of all, thank you for loving us every day. Amen