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On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise Him, He was named Jesus, the name the angel had given Him before He had been conceived. When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons." Luke 2:21-24 (NIV)

Luke vs. 25-38

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. Luke 2:39

Raising "Godly" kids

1. Make a _____

- **If you are married – commit to _____**
- **If you are divorced – commit to _____**

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Romans 12:18 (NIV)

- **If you are remarried – commit to _____ your way into the lives of the kids in your home**
- **If you are the child of a divorce – commit to _____**

"Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Ephesians 6:2-3 (NIV)

2. Start _____

And the child grew and became strong; He was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him. Luke 2:40 (NIV)

3. Take advantage of _____

Every year His parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. Luke 2:41 (NIV)

4. Don't be afraid to _____

When He was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. After the Feast was over, while His parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking He was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for Him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find Him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for Him. After three days they found Him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard Him was amazed at His understanding and His answers. When His parents saw Him, they were astonished. His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." Luke 2:42-48 (NIV)

And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" Luke 2:49 (NKJV)

But they did not understand what He was saying to them. Then He went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them... Luke 2:50-51(NIV)

Jesus' priorities - The Father's Business

He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God... For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation—if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven...

Colossians 1:15-23 (NIV)

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. Luke 2:52 (NIV)