



Good News For KIDS

NUMBERS IN THE BIBLE

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Since my Granddaughter is 3 (three) this Month, I will focus on the Number 3 in the Bible. Many of you



Kids have Celebrated a 3rd Birthday already; some of you may be 3 soon.

The Bible lists 3 of the greatest Virtues: **1cor 13:13** "And so there remains **Faith, Hope, Love** --these Three; and of these the greatest is **Love**."

JESUS spent 3 days asking Questions and Teaching His elders in The Temple before His parents found Him; when He was but 12 years old. Why were they surprised to FIND HIM IN HIS FATHER'S HOUSE? What did He say when they located Him there?

Let's go to the story in the gospel of Luke: **2:40-52** "AND THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG AND FULL OF WISDOM, AND THE FAVOUR OF GOD RESTED UPON HIM. Now His parents used to go up year by year to Jerusalem at the Feast of **The Pass-over**. And when He was twelve years old they went up as was customary at the time of the Feast, and, after staying the full number of days, when they started back home the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not discover

this, but supposing Him to be in the traveling company, they proceeded a day's journey. Then they searched up and down for Him among their relatives and acquaintances; but being unable to find Him they returned to Jerusalem, making anxious inquiry for Him. **ON THE THIRD DAY they found Him in the Temple sitting among the Rabbis, both listening to them and asking them questions, while all who heard Him were astonished at His intelligence and at the answers He gave. When they saw Him, they were smitten with amazement, and His mother said to Him, "My child, why have you behaved thus to us? Your father and I have been searching for You in anguish."**

"**WHY IS IT THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR ME?" HE REPLIED; "DID YOU NOT KNOW THAT IT IS MY DUTY TO BE ENGAGED UPON MY FATHER'S BUSINESS?"** But they did not understand the significance of these words. Then He went down with

them and came to Nazareth, and was Always Obedient to them; but His mother carefully Treasured Up all these incidents in her Memory. **AND AS JESUS GREW OLDER HE GAINED IN BOTH WISDOM AND STATURE, AND IN FAVOUR WITH GOD AND MAN."** —(WNT) **LIKE TIMOTHY, LEARN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES WHEN YOU ARE YOUNG! (2 TIM 3:15)**

