

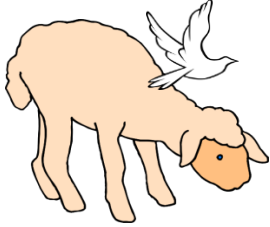
Jesus' Life as a Boy

(Based on *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah* by Alfred Edersheim)



Instructions for #1–2: Look up the Bible verses and answer the questions.

1. A month after a Jewish woman gave birth, she was required to go to the Temple to be purified. She was to bring a year old lamb for a burnt offering and a young pigeon or dove for a sin offering.



If she was poor, she was allowed to replace the lamb with what? (Leviticus 12:8)

What did Mary and Joseph bring? (Luke 2:22-24)

What does this type of offering tell you about Mary and Joseph?

2. Jesus was born in the land of Israel, in the district of Judea, in the town of Bethlehem. Shortly after his birth, his family moved to the country of Egypt.

When they returned to Israel, Jesus' family moved to what district and city? (Matthew 2:19-23)

Instructions for #3: Fill in the blanks from the following list of words.

expensive honor quarrelsome people practical north
sloppy Roman farmland lakes Gentiles south

3. In Jesus' time, the land of Israel was called Judea and was part of the _____ Empire. It was divided into several districts. Two of the major districts were Galilee to the _____ and Judea to the _____. (Yes, Judea was the name for the land of Israel and also a district within Judea — like New York, New York.)

These are facts about the northern district of Galilee where Jesus grew up:

- 1) The great trade routes of the world passed through Galilee giving them frequent contact with _____ (non-Jews).
- 2) Galilee consisted of _____, hills, valleys, and _____.
- 3) Galilee had a large population. There were 240 towns with not less than 15,000 _____ living in each town.
- 4) It was less _____ to live in Galilee than in Judea (80% less).
- 5) Galileans were warm, generous, hardworking, patriotic people with simple manners.

Regarding religion, they were sincere, _____, and independent.

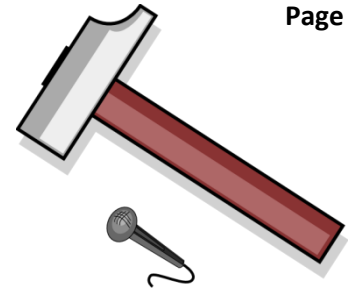
If forced to choose, they valued _____ more than money.

Known as workers rather than scholars, they were accused by the Judeans of being _____ in their Hebrew pronunciation and grammar.

They had a reputation of being _____.



- 4. Jesus was known as: (Luke 4:22)
- 5. At that time in history, Jewish boys were trained in a skilled trade by their fathers. Joseph trained Jesus to be a: (Matthew 13:55)
- 6. Jesus had younger half brothers and sisters. (Matthew 13:55-56) Yes or No



Instructions for #7: Find the missing words in the Word Search below and then fill in the blanks.

7. Jesus was raised and educated as a Jewish boy in a God-fearing family. This is how the educational system worked in Galilee when Jesus lived on earth.

- 1) Jewish children were trained early to see God as their _____ and the Maker of the _____ .
- 2) As preschoolers, they were taught to recite the Shema (Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one..... Deuteronomy 6:4-9). They were also taught short _____ and _____ sayings.
- 3) Each child was taught his own birthday text or guardian promise — a verse of Scripture beginning or ending with the same letters as his Hebrew _____. The verse was inserted into his _____ prayers.
- 4) Synagogue school began at age _____ or _____ according to the child’s readiness. The students either stood or sat in a semi-_____ facing the teacher. They were taught _____ and writing, with wisdom, accuracy, and good _____ being the ultimate goals. The school hours were _____ , so that children were not overworked. In the summer, the schedule was shortened.
- 5) Up to 10 years of age, the Old Testament was the _____ starting with Leviticus.
- 6) From 10-15 years of age, the _____ of the Rabbis (Mishnah) were taught.
- 7) After 16, those who continued to study the Law were trained in the school of a specific _____ .

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