

## New Testament Family Cut-Outs

This project helps children learn how people dressed in the time of Jesus. This activity goes well with the stories of Jesus when he was a boy: learning to be a carpenter with Joseph and traveling to the Temple when he was twelve.

Copy the first page onto heavy paper. Have the children color the characters before they are cut out.

Color the two costume pages. Cut carefully so the tabs are not cut off and cut holes for the faces where indicated.

Fold the tabs and attach the clothing to the characters as you tell the stories.

How children learned. Most of what kids learned in Jesus' time was from their families. Girls learned to read, and learned scripture, laws and traditions from their mothers. They also learned how to cook, weave cloth and take care of the home. Boys learned the family trade from their fathers, like Jesus learned carpentry from Joseph. Boys went to school to learn the scriptures, Jewish history and law. Children had time to play then, too. Balls, dolls and games have been found by archaeologists, and even toy tools! Read Luke 2:39-40.

Traveling to the Temple. People usually walked to get from place to place in Jesus' day. Families would travel several times a year to Jerusalem to attend the Temple on holy days. It is about 90 miles from Nazareth and families like Jesus' family walked. They may have stayed with friends along the way, stopped at an inn or even slept in a field. Their cloaks were also used for blankets. They had to carry everything they would need for the trip. Read Luke 2:41-51, about a trip Jesus made when he was twelve.







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