

*Jesus: Celebrating all that He is: Sermon Summary* - Jesus' upbringing and boyhood has been the subject of much speculation and endless controversy throughout the centuries. Myths have developed about Jesus based (interestingly enough) on what isn't written. The Bible gives us five cameo glimpses of Jesus from early boyhood to age 30. We'll look at three of these today and then two more next week. We discover that Jesus' whole life was marked with purpose.

# Jesus - The Boy with a Purpose - Part 1

## Luke 2:1-52; Matthew 2:1-23

### 1. The Circumcision (Luke 2:21)

- A. His Heritage
- B. His Name

### 2. The Dedication (Luke 2:22-38)

- A. Simeon's Excitement
- B. Anna's Evangelism

### 3. The Visitation (Matthew 2:1-12)

- A. The Givers
- B. The Gifts:
  - Gold – The king of metals and the metal of kings.
  - Frankincense – Costly incense used by the priests.
  - Myrrh – An ancient embalming fluid.

## LifeGroup Questions

**Begin It (5 min)** – Praise the Lord and pray that God leads the study.

**Open It (10 min)** – What nationalities or cultures make up the ancestry of your family?

**Explore It (60 min)** – Before you begin to answer the questions, read Luke 2:1-52 and read the sermon outline. As you read the outline, allow people to share their notes and comments after each sermon point.

1. In what ways can we see God working behind the scenes in the events of Christ's childhood?
2. In what ways are Simeon and Anna examples to us?
3. Using Christ's childhood as an example, what character qualities should parents seek to develop in their children?
4. How important is it to introduce our children to faith in God as early and consistently as possible? Why?

**Apply It (15 min)** – In what ways can you see God working behind the scenes in the events of your life? Explain.