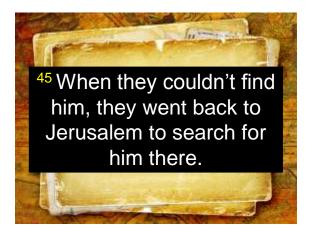
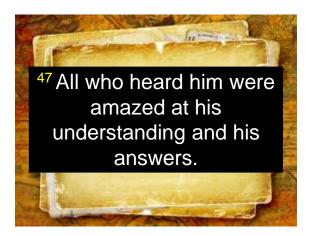


43 After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first,

44 because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends.



46 Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions.



48 His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your (step) father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere."

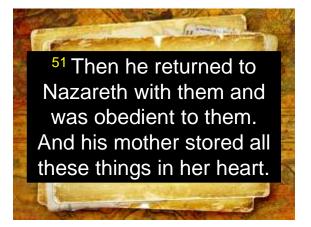
49 "But why did you need to search?" he asked.
"Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 But they didn't understand what he meant.

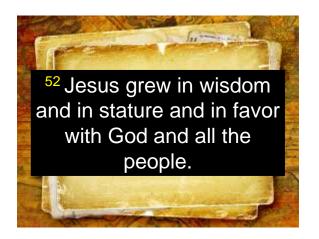
So the Jewish leaders
tried all the harder to find
a way to kill him. For he
not only broke the
Sabbath, he called God
his Father, thereby
making himself equal with
God. (John 5:18)

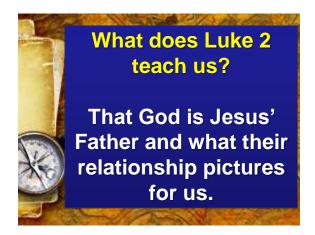
So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing.

Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.

(John 5:19)

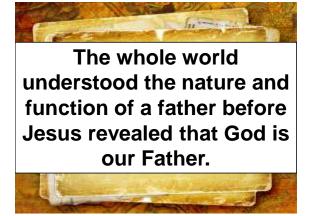




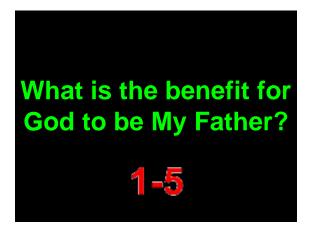


## Father (pater)

John =156 time's Intimacy Oneness Respect and Relationship "I am Israel's Father" Jer 31:9



"O Father, Lord of heaven and earth" (Lk 10:21); "heavenly Father" (11:13); "the Father" (John 4:23); "my Father" (5:17); "God the Father" (6:27); "one Father, even God" (8:41); "holy Father" (17:11); "righteous Father" (17:25); "God our Father" (Ro 1:7); "Abba, Father" (8:15); "Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (15:6); "Father of mercies" (2 Cor. 1:3); "God and Father of all" (Eph. 4:6); "Father of spirits" (He 12:9); "Father of lights" (Ja 1:17)



### Healthy Fellowship! 4

...Our <u>fellowship</u> is with the Father and with His Son,
Jesus Christ. (1 Jn 1:3)

#### **Constant Access!**

2

...we cry Abba Father... (Romans 8:15)

... come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb. 4:16)

### Dependable Guidance!

The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.

(Ps 32:8)

## Relationship Security! 1

For God has said, "I will never fail or leave you. I will never abandon or forsake you." (Heb 13:5)

## Eternal Inheritance! 5

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ..." (Rom. 8:17a)

What is it that the Father gives His children?

## LIFE!

anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (2 Cor 5:17)

#### LOVE!

2

So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly <u>Father</u> give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him. (Luke 11:13)

### **PROTECTION!**

3

**PROVISION!** 



my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. (Jn 10:29) And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? (Matt. 6:30)

# Is God your Father?

- If not then why not?
- If yes then enjoy the privileges!

