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# devotion

## Jesus a Teen? No Way!

Yes, way! It's hard to imagine the Savior of the world going through puberty, but He did. Jesus was a baby who grew to be a teenager. Just like you, He made choices that shaped the course of His life.

Scripture doesn't say a lot about Jesus' childhood, but what it does reveal can help you be more like Jesus than you ever thought possible. At just 12 years old, Jesus was laying the foundation for the kind of person He would become. They [His parents] found Him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions (Luke 2:46).

Jesus was intentional about the people with whom He surrounded Himself. He sought out wise people to whom He could listen and ask questions. If on earth now, I bet that He would have even texted, facebooked, or skyped with them. The result? As Jesus grew up, He increased in wisdom and in favor with God and people. (Luke 2:52 TNIV).

How can you grow in wisdom? How can you be respected by God and people? Is it even possible for you to make all that happen? Nope, but guess what? The pressure's off — Jesus has already accomplished "a better you" through what He did for you on the cross and at the empty tomb! That's great news!

Celebrate the "new you" as you follow Jesus' example. By the Holy Spirit, you can make a prayerful choice to seek out godly mentors. Pray, look around, and pick someone to whom you will listen, text questions. Take care of yourself physically. Seek the Lord in all things. Work at the relationships He places in your life. In this way, you can live a life based on Jesus as your model made up of choices guided by the Holy Spirit.

Pray right now that the Holy Spirit would grow in you a desire to be more like Jesus was as a youth. Ask Him to guide you as you seek a mentor and to be faithful in making God-pleasing choices on a daily basis. Get ready, hold on, and enjoy the daily ride with and like Jesus!

## Friends, Faith, Fun



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"It started with six teens and a pizza party!" shares Lois Cole, leader of Friends Into Serving Him® at Our Saviour, Des Moines, Iowa. "When I asked one of the teens why she wanted to join, she replied, 'I want to get to know some of the older women in the congregation.'"



**Right Photo**

Marking Bibles for a prison ministry, designing cards to accompany camouflage quilts for those in the armed forces, finishing catheter bags for a local nursing home, and assisting with a church supper are among the service projects of the Friends Into Serving Him® group at St. Paul, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

"Because of various schedules," shares Pat Menden, "our group finds it difficult to meet with everyone at once; we work in small groups so everyone can participate. We set up a table at our Fall Mission & Ministry Fair and gave away gummi fish and fish crackers. Any girl that signed up to be contacted for our next meeting got to choose from several Friends-logo items (post-its, cups, markers, etc.). As a result we gained a few more girls!"

Several of the girls stepped up to serve as officers, including a treasurer who collects mite donations. The group held a lock-in to work on a brunch for the families of three of the girls who were being confirmed the following day. "They are so enthusiastic about becoming an active part of the church."