

LESSON NOTE FOR WEEK 3 (FAMVAR INTERNATIONAL SEC. SCHOOL)

SUBJECT: RELIGION AND NATIONAL VALUES EDUCATION

CLASS: JSS2

TOPIC: JESUS AND HIS FAMILY

Jesus Obeyed His Parents (Luke 2:40-52)

Jesus grew up under the care of Mary and Joseph as a responsible and obedient child. He had the fear of God, was disciplined and very hardworking.

When Jesus was aged twelve, he went to Jerusalem with his parents for the Passover festival. When Jesus' parents left Jerusalem, he stayed behind, causing his parents to search for him. They found him after three days in the temple with the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. The teachers were really impressed by the level of wisdom exhibited by Jesus as a child.

However, his parents were hurt and unimpressed and asked him why he had stayed back without their knowledge. Jesus replied that he was doing his father's work. He followed them back to Nazareth and lived obediently with them. As a responsible and respectful child, Jesus helped his father, Joseph, in his carpentry work.

Jesus and His Siblings (Mat 13:53-56, 12:46-50)

After the birth of Jesus, Mary also had other children with Joseph. They were James, Joseph, Simon and Judas who were the brothers of Jesus. Jesus also had some sisters.

This fact is recorded in Matthew 13:53-56. In this passage, Jesus was preaching in the synagogue and as the people listened, they were astonished at the level of wisdom he displayed. Knowing his background, they asked the questions:

"Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas and are not all his sisters with us?"

Jesus' Understanding of Family (Mat 12:46-50)

One day, while Jesus was preaching to the crowd, his mother and brothers came looking for Jesus. When he was informed about this, he responded by asking:

"Who do you think my mother and brothers are?" He then stretched out his hand toward his disciples and said *"Look closely. These are my mother and brothers. The person who obeys my heavenly Father's will is my brother and sister and mother."*

MORAL LESSONS

1. We must be obedient, disciplined, hardworking, responsible and helpful to our parents just like Jesus.
2. To be part of the family of Jesus Christ, we must do the will of His Heavenly Father.

3. We should set aside a time to listen to God's word as there is a blessing in this.

HOMEWORK

1. Name three brothers of Jesus.
2. Who did Jesus consider to be part of his family?
3. Give 3 moral lessons you can learn from Jesus' life among members of his family..