

ADVENT - WEEK 5

Christmas Cookies: Large Gingerbread Man

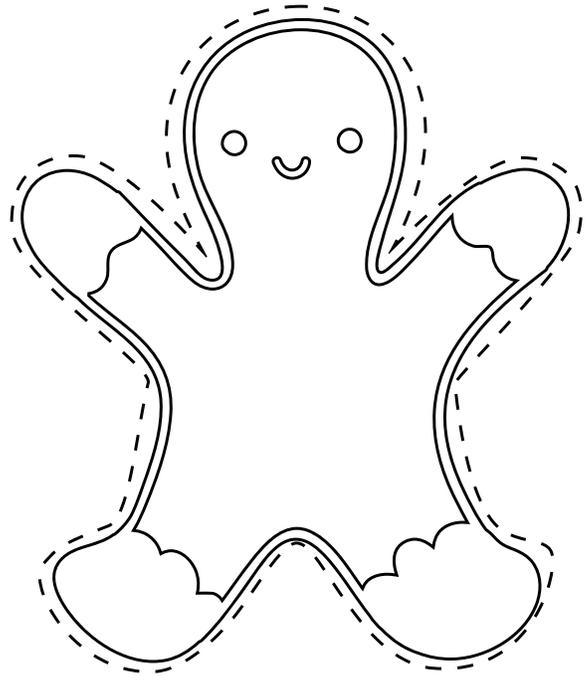
Scripture Passage

Luke 2:41-52 (NIRV)

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. ⁴² When Jesus was 12 years old, they went up to the feast as usual. ⁴³ After the feast was over, his parents left to go back home. The boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But they were not aware of it. ⁴⁴ They thought he was somewhere in their group. So they traveled on for a day. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ They did not find him. So they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courtyard. He was sitting with the teachers. He was listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at how much he understood. They also were amazed at his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were amazed. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been worried about you. We have been looking for you everywhere."

⁴⁹ "Why were you looking for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he meant by that.

⁵¹ Then he went back to Nazareth with them, and he obeyed them. But his mother kept all these things like a secret treasure in her heart. ⁵² Jesus became wiser and stronger. He also became more and more pleasing to God and to people.



Wonder Questions

As you prepare, bake, and wait for the cookies to be ready, wonder together with your family about these things:

- I wonder as my body grows how can I also grow in wisdom.
- I wonder as I grow in wisdom, how can I also become more pleasing to God.
- I wonder how I can learn more about God, so that I can teach others.