

Jesus Once Was a Little Child

Guest Visitor

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Shlama! My name is Samuel (or Hannah). I was born during the rule of Herod the Great and was a child growing up with Jesus in the humble town of Nazareth in Galilee. Would you like to learn a little bit about what my life was like?

What does “Shlama” mean?

Shlama or Shalom was a common greeting of the day. It means “peace” or well-being and is like wishing someone a good morning or good day.

What was it like to be a child in the first century?

We woke up early, usually before the sunrise, to get started with our daily responsibilities. We would sleep on woven mats and simple bedding alongside other family members. After a quick breakfast it was time to get started with work. The daytime would be spent engaged in the family trade work, tending to animals, helping around the home, and gathering water. An important part of the day was gathering as a family for meals. We would learn the history of our people through stories and songs as we worked and as we gathered at night.

What was Jesus like as a child?

The scriptures teach that as a child Jesus “grew, and waxed strong in the spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.” When Jesus was 12, his family went to Jerusalem to attend a feast. When the family started home to Nazareth, they realized Jesus was not with their company but had stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents returned to Jerusalem and found him 3 days later in the temple listening to and teaching prominent doctors. All there were astonished at how much Jesus knew and understood the conversation. Jesus continued through his youth to “increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.”

What was Nazareth like?

Nazareth was a small village that was surrounded by fields, olive trees, and other small towns nearby and dusty dirt paths to travel on. Families lived together in a small stone house with grandparents living together or nearby. It would be very dark at night as families would use expensive oil lamps to light their home at night.

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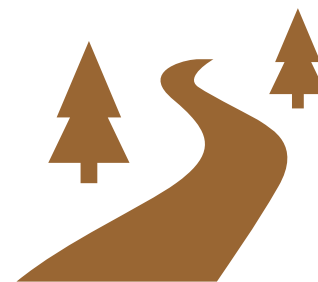


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