



LUKE 2:7 THEN SHE GAVE BIRTH TO HER FIRSTBORN SON, AND SHE WRAPPED HIM TIGHTLY IN CLOTH AND LAID HIM IN A MANGER, BECAUSE THERE WAS NO

GUEST ROOM AVAILABLE FOR THEM.

JOHN 3:3

JESUS REPLIED, "TRULY I TELL YOU,
UNLESS SOMEONE IS BORN AGAIN,
HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD."



The Purpose Luke 2:49 "Why were you searching for me?" He asked them. "Didn't you know That it was necessary for me To be in my father's house?"

MATTHEW 5:16 IN THE SAME WAY, LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, SO THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY TO YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.

Jesus' parents did not understand what he meant about his Father's house. They didn't realize that he was making a distinction between his earthly father and his heavenly Father. Jesus knew that he had a unique relationship with God. Although Mary and Joseph knew he was God's Son, they didn't understand what his mission would involve. Besides, they had to raise him, along with his brothers and sisters (Matthew 13:55-56), as a normal child. They knew Jesus was unique, but they did not know what was going on in his mind. They had to learn and observe the complex outworkings of Jesus' special identity and calling even as he lived in their family.



LUKE 2:52
AND JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM
AND STATURE, AND IN FAVOR WITH
GOD AND WITH PEOPLE.

1 PETER 2:2

LIKE NEWBORN BABIES, YOU SHOULD

LONG FOR THE PURE MILK OF

GOD'S WORD. IT WILL HELP

YOU GROW UP AS BELIEVERS.





The Mission 2 TIMOTHY 4:7 I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.

I have kept the faith has been taken two ways:

- (1) Paul had remained loyal to God even in trials and had played by God's rules; or
- (2) Paul had guarded and preserved the gospel message. Most likely, the second meaning is correct.

Paul had called Timothy to "guard what has been entrusted to you" (1 Timothy 6:20). "The faith" referred to what had been entrusted to Paul; this also had been entrusted to Timothy. Paul had never wavered in his faith and trusted that soon he would experience all the promises on which he had based his life and ministry.