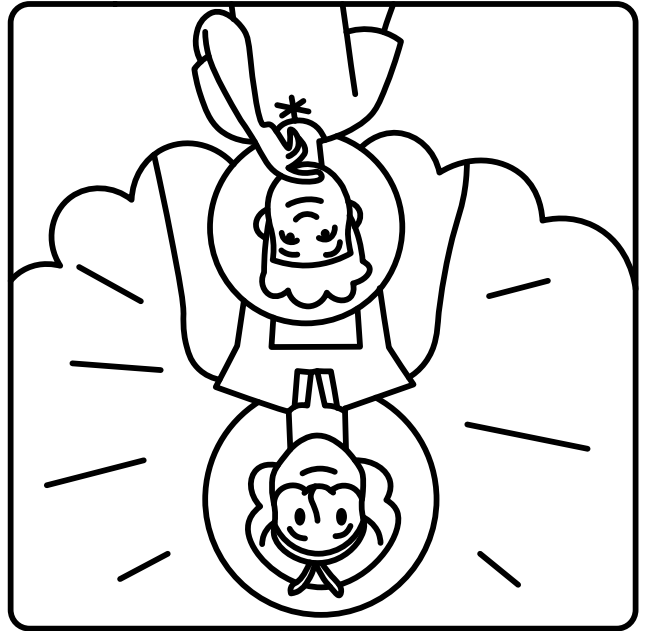


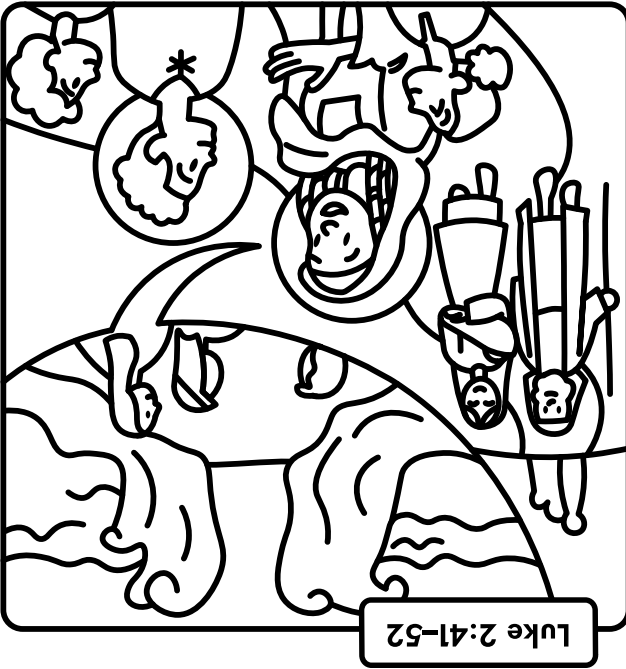
4. Jesus saw how worried his parents were. He told them the temple felt like home, and he couldn't imagine being anywhere else. Jesus wanted to be a rabbi but knew he had some growing to do first. So Jesus left the temple and walked home with his



3. Jesus' parents were scared. They didn't know what had happened to him. Finally, after three days, they found Jesus sitting in the temple with the rabbis. He was listening, learning, and asking lots of questions. They were amazed—Jesus was growing up!



1. Growing up, Jesus and his family walked to Jerusalem every year for a week-long festival called Passover. Jewish families from all over crowded together in this city to celebrate and remember when God freed their ancestors from enslavement in Egypt.



Luke 2:41-52



2. One year, when Jesus was twelve years old, his family, friends, and relatives packed up after the holiday and started their long journey home, except Jesus wasn't with them! When Mary and Joseph realized this, they frantically ran back towards Jerusalem.