

Childhood of Jesus Christ

Matthew 13:55–56; Luke 2:40; Joseph Smith Translation, Matthew 3:24–25

*And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom:
and the grace of God was upon him. Luke 2:40*

Jesus grew up in Galilee in the small town of Nazareth. There He had a loving family life with Joseph; His mother, Mary; and several brothers and sisters (see Matthew 13:55–56). His childhood was probably much like that of other boys of that time. He learned Jewish law, did carpentry work with Joseph, studied the scriptures, and gained wisdom through prayer.

(See James E. Talmage, *Jesus the Christ*, 3rd ed. [1916], 111–12.)

As Jesus grew, the Spirit of God was strong in Him. He learned of His mission on earth and waited for the time of His baptism and ministry. (See Luke 2:40; Joseph Smith Translation, Matthew 3:24–25 [in the Bible appendix].)

Summary

Jesus grew up in the small town of Nazareth, where He studied and learned, worked with Joseph, and worshipped. Jesus increased in

wisdom, and the Spirit was with Him. He would be ready when the time came for His ministry to begin.

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