



DO YOU KNOW WHY?



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Lord Jesus, we ask You at this moment to give us wisdom so that we would not go astray, so that we could walk on Your path and stay on it. Hallelujah. Lord Jesus, I ask for these children, that You would give them wisdom, that You would give them ears to hear and a heart to understand so that what they hear, Lord, would attend to their life and edify them that they would not only have a nice time here, but that it would be life to them. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask You, God, that I would be Your vessel, that it would be You flowing through my mouth. Amen.

Children, do you know what I had on my heart when I was thinking about you? You don't know, do you? I had on my heart the Lord Jesus when He was twelve years old. Do you know what happened when the Lord Jesus was twelve years old? Who knows it?

Children: They went to the feast and He went to talk to the priests in the temple.

Mr. Kluson: And what were the priests saying?

Children: They talked to Him and marveled that Jesus knew how to answer such things.

Mr. Kluson: OK. Now, Iva, how old are you?

Iva: Ten.

Mr. Kluson: Well, then it is only two years from now and you will go to the temple somewhere and everybody will marvel and say, "My, how much Iva knows and what understanding and wisdom she

has!"

The reason why we sing the song, "Lord, Give Me Wisdom," is that we want to be like Jesus. Then, when we are twelve, we will already have the wisdom, won't we? Is that right? What do you think, Ester? What exactly are wisdom and understanding? Let us look at it. Where can I find the story about Jesus? Who can help me? Is it in the Old Testament or the New Testament? The New Testament is about the Lord Jesus so it will most probably be there, won't it? It will be in one of the gospels. Yes, for example in Luke. Let us look in Luke chapter 2. What gospels do we have? Matthew, Mark, John - and Luke. So, in Luke right in the beginning, in chapter 2 and starting from verse 42, it says, **And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. ⁴³And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. ⁴⁴But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.**

What happened there? They went to celebrate a certain feast in Jerusalem and after they did, they were on their way home. Mommy and Joseph thought that Jesus was with them; maybe he was with their relatives. But then they found out that

He was not there. So they went back to Jerusalem to look for Him. How long were they looking for Him?

Children: Three days and three nights.

Mr. Kluson: ⁴⁵*And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.* ⁴⁶*And it came to pass, that after three days (you have said it right) they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.* What was it there? Was it a hospital? No? So what kind of doctors were they? Petra, your Mommy is a doctor. Were they the same kind of doctor as your Mommy is or some other doctors? What do you think, Iva?

Iva: They were another type of doctors.

Mr. Kluson: They were scribes who studied and learned what was in the Word. The same way your Mommy studied medicine - she went to school and they were telling her how the body looks on the inside and what is all inside and what can be done with it - they learned what was in the Word. They learned all of it.

Now, imagine - the little twelve-year old Jesus came, as Iva will be in two years' time, and was asking questions of all those doctors and all those scribes. It was the same as if Iva went somewhere to the hospital among the doctors and asked them all kinds of questions and all those doctors would be astonished, saying, "How is it possible that this twelve-year old girl knows so much?" Let us read on. ⁴⁷*And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.* What were they all astonished at or startled by? Jesus' answers and understanding.

This is what I wanted to read to you about - how Jesus was sitting in the temple when He was twelve and everybody was astonished at His answers. This is what I wanted to put on your hearts, children. I don't know at all whether you have an-

swers in your hearts. You know, children, you have to learn, because you still have time to do it now. When you are twelve, there will be time for exams only. You still have time now to find out all the answers so that you would know how to answer when somebody comes and asks you a question. So now you have to go to your parents quickly and begin to ask.

We will draw a big question mark here. Do you know what a question mark is? You don't? Who can draw a question mark? You can? Well, come then. I will lend you a chair so that everybody can see it. What does the question mark mean? Iva, when do we write a question mark? When we ask something? Yes, when we ask something, then it definitely is a question mark. I want you to go to your mommies and daddies after this meeting and begin to ask so that you would understand well all that we are talking about here and why we believe it. I will write the word *why* on the board for those who can read so that they will remember it. WHY? Why, Mommy? Why, Daddy?

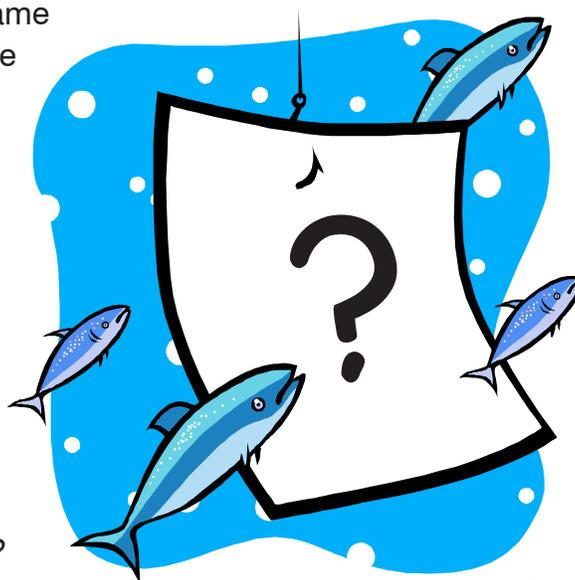
When your mommy or daddy tell you something, how do you answer, what do you say?

Children: Yes, Mommy. Yes, Daddy.

Mr. Kluson: Correct. It means that there is no, "Why?". At least, this is how we have agreed on it in our home (and I think that it is the same in your homes). When Mommy says, "Go and clean your room," you don't respond, "Why?" but first you say nicely, "Yes, Mommy." Then, when you say, "Yes, Mommy," you can ask. For example, "Yes, Mommy, and why should I clean the room, please?" I sometimes send

Kristyna away saying, "Go and clean it and then we will talk about it." You also have to ask your parents this way, "Why do we do all these things?"

I have prepared some questions for you and will try to ask them. You should be able to answer me, right? Tell me, why do we go to the meeting



on Sundays? For example, Lucie, why do you go to the meetings? It is interesting, isn't it? We go to the meeting on Sundays. We know that we should go there. But sometimes we don't know why. Is that right? You nod your head well in agreement. It is interesting. So, Lucie, when you get home and sit on your daddy's lap - you can also ask your mommy to be there with you if they have a little time for you - and say, "Mommy, Daddy, why do we go to the meeting on Sundays?" Well, why do you think we go to the meeting on Sundays? Who thinks that they know why? One, Kristyna was another one, someone else? It is not much - Johana knows it, too. OK, that is three. Hana makes four. Imagine, children - you go to the meetings basically from your birth and only some three or four of you can answer why we go to the meetings. OK, let's leave it as it is, I won't answer this question. We will leave it for your parents.

I will ask you some more. Tell me, why do you go to bed early? Why do you have to go to bed when your parents tell you to go to bed? Who knows? One, two, three, four. Well, that is better. Johana also knows, five, six. And how about you, Ester, don't you know? You don't, see. Then sit down with your parents and say, "Mommy, Daddy, why do I have to go to bed in the evening when you tell me to go to bed?" You have to ask, "Why is it? Why should it be so?" so that you can, as Jesus did, give answers, so that you will be able to give answers why we are doing what we are doing. Well, who had their hands up? Hana, tell us - why do you have to go to bed in the evening when Mommy and Daddy tell you so?

Hana: We have to so that we would be able to get up early.

Mr. Kluson: So that we would get a good rest and be strengthened? I see.

Now tell me: Why do we read the Bible? Who knows? One, two, three. Iva is thinking, maybe

she would also know but she is not sure, right? Johana knows it perfectly with both of her hands. And this is what you, children, have to learn. You see, when you don't understand why you are doing certain things, do you know what will happen? You will stop doing them later. When Mommy and

Daddy leave, when nobody is looking at you, then you will not know what it is good for and will stop doing it. When I tell you to jump on one leg, what is it good for? You don't know, do you? Then you will not do it. Am I right? You have to know the answers to questions. You need to know the answers why we do all these things because God gave you wisdom, and we are praying for wisdom, and He also gave you understanding. Do you

know that it is written in the Bible about understanding? What does understanding mean? Who knows? Understanding is when you want to understand something, right? The Bible says, children, that it is important for us to understand what we are doing. How do we get the understanding? What did Jesus do in the temple?

Children: He was talking to them.

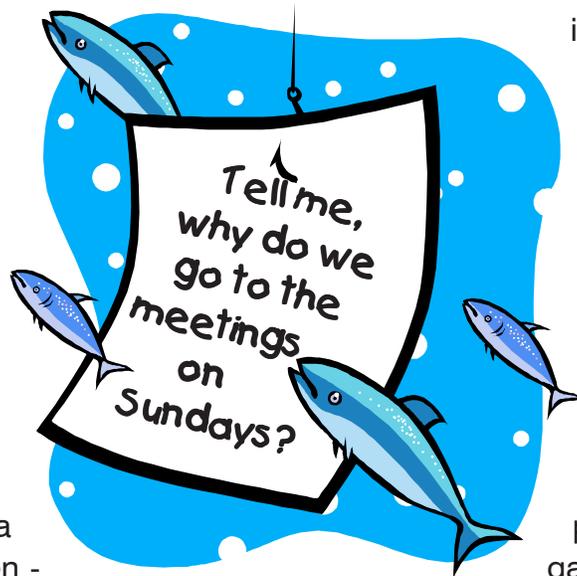
Mr. Kluson: Yes, and even better?

Children: He gave answers.

Mr. Kluson: OK. Who can tell me even better? What did He do there with those priests? Lucie?

Lucie: He was asking them.

Mr. Kluson: Correct. You are paying very good attention. He was asking them. How was He asking them? The same way I am asking you. He was sitting there with the priests, with the scribes, and was asking them. He was saying, "How will it be that when the Messiah comes, Elijah will come before Him? Will Elijah come in the flesh?" This is how He was asking them. Then He was saying, "What was the Sabbath given for? Was it given for man? Or, was it given so that we would be troubled by that Sabbath?" This is how Jesus was asking them all. He wanted to find out all the answers to His questions. This is what I wanted to



lay on your hearts, that you would sit down with your mommy and daddy and ask them, saying, "Mommy, Daddy, I would also like you to ask me so that I would know what and why."

I will, for example, ask you children one thing. Why are you to sit in the meetings quietly? Who knows it? One, two, Iva maybe, three, four. There are more of you now who know it. Does it have any reason? Or, is it only because Mommy and Daddy think you should do it? I will ask you one by one. Let's start with you, Sarka. Do you know it? Tell me why you think that you

are to sit in the meeting quietly. Hmmmm. You don't know? Then ask at home. It is important. When you are to sit in the meeting, you are to know why and what it is good for. Lucie, how about you? Answer me. You don't know? Well, you ask at home, too. "Mommy, Daddy, you tell me in every meeting that I am to sit quietly. I want to know why it is so." Who else had their hands up? Kristyna, why do you think you are to sit quietly in the meeting?

Kristyna: So that we would not disturb others.

Mr. Kluson: I see. And why are we not to disturb others?

Kristyna: Because nobody would be able to hear.

Mr. Kluson: Because nobody would be able to hear the Word? I see. And what do you think, Hana, why are we to sit quietly in the meetings?

Hana: So that we would not disturb others.

Mr. Kluson: I see. Who else has another idea? Iva?

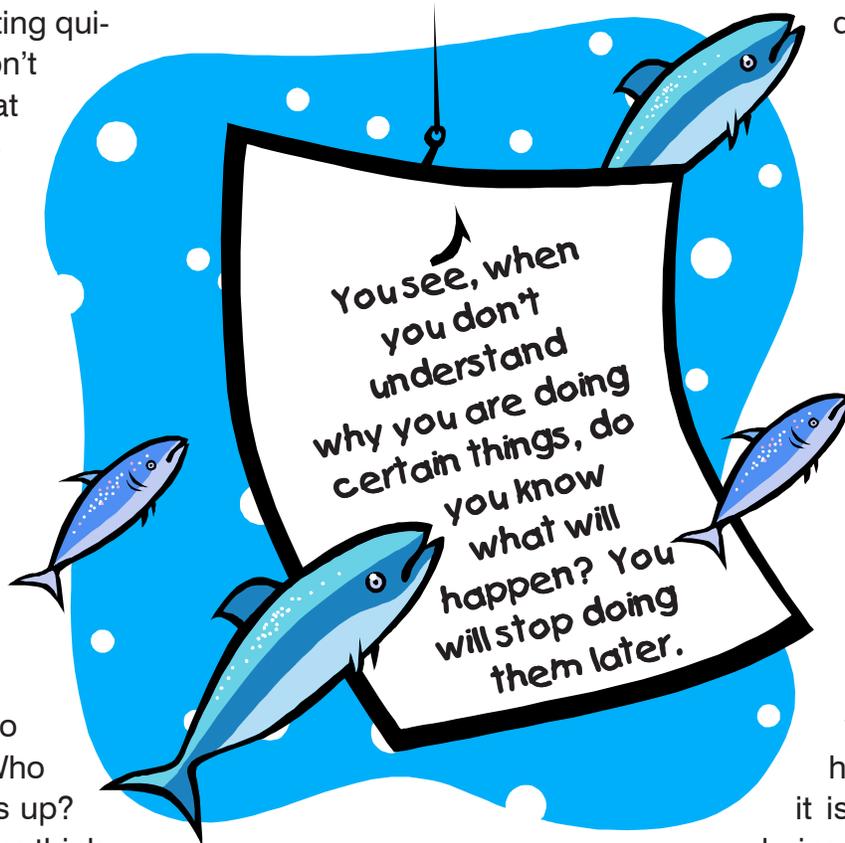
Iva: So that we would not disturb others and also could listen.

Mr. Kluson: So that we ourselves could listen to the Word? Very good. God said to be kind one to another and merciful. Now, is it kind when we disturb somebody and they cannot hear? No, it is not. We then are to be kind one to another. That is one reason. We are to be kind one to another and therefore we are considerate and quiet so that the others could hear well what Word is being spoken. Also, that we would be an example to others, that they could look at us and say, "Iva is a big girl, I will look at how she is behaving and will behave

the same." If Iva is quiet, then the children will look at her and say, "I will also be quiet." Is that right? Or, the opposite: if Iva is fussing here and talking and disturbing, then the other children will think that they also can disturb. So, we are to be an example for others. That is another reason why we are to be quiet in the meetings. Also, that we ourselves would hear the Word because it is an important Word being spoken here that can

be for the salvation of your souls. It is important to hear this Word so that your souls would be changed. Amen?

I want you to remember that it is very important to ask why. The reason is that Jesus is exhorting us to be able to give answers at the right time. What does it mean? Do you know, children, what God gave us up here, what He put in our heads? What do we have inside our heads? We have a mind there and the mind thinks. It is there in order to think. God has given it to us to think. Now, what are we to think about? We are to think about righteousness. We are to think about God. And so our mind has to get used to thinking.



Thoughts have to roll over in our minds and we have to sit down like this and think. It is not enough only to know how the story started and how it ended. You have to understand why. You have to know why all these things are here, why we are doing all these things. You have to know why we read the Bible, why God sent all the soldiers home except for three hundred of Gideon's soldiers. Why was it so? Why was Jesus born? And why did Jesus have to die? Wouldn't you like it better if Jesus didn't die? It would be wonderful if they hadn't crucified Him, wouldn't it? Why did they have to crucify Him, then? Iva knows. Who else knows why they had to crucify Jesus? One, two, three, four. Try it, Petra; tell me why they had to crucify Jesus.

Petra: He died for us so that we would not have to die.

Mr. Kluson: And why did He have to die for us? Maybe neither we nor Him had to die. Wouldn't it be better? What if neither Jesus nor we died? Why did Jesus have to die? So that He would die for our sins? Does it mean that we couldn't live with those sins? Why not?

Petra: *For the wages of sin is death.*

Mr. Kluson: If you had your school record book with you, I would put a star in it for you. That's exactly right. So it means that we can not live eternally and have sin, because the end of that sin is death. I see. This is how it is.

Now, children, I will give you a picture for you and for your parents that you will color. I will ask you all to show it to me next time. You all will tell me what you talked about with your daddy and what new things you learned. You will tell me what answer your daddy and mommy gave you as an answer to a question *why*. OK. Here is the picture then. Do you like it? The daddy in the picture is sitting there with the children and they are talking about something. The children are asking him, "Daddy, why is it so? Daddy, why do the boys wear pants? Daddy, why are we to be nice to the girls? Daddy, why do we go to the meetings? Daddy, why do you not drink alcohol? Daddy, why did we buy the farm in Tursko?" They are asking their daddy all these things. And Daddy takes out the Bible and looks for the verses and shows them

to the boys and gives them answers to all their questions. Now, here is one picture. Pavlina, what do you say? What is it, children? I am not asking about the picture. Why is it that I don't even hear, "Thank you?" I don't like it. We will have to put this in the right perspective, won't we?

Children: Thank you.

Mr. Kluson: You are welcome.

Children: Thank you.

Mr. Kluson: You are welcome. I will ask you one more question: Why do we say "thank you"? What is it for? Who knows?

Children: Because if we don't, we will have to give it back.

Mr. Kluson: That is an interesting answer. You would have to give it back, that's true. We have learned this already, too. But tell me, children, why do people say "thank you" to each other? Because you would have to give it back is not the reason. So sit down with your parents, sit down with your mommy and daddy and ask them, "Mommy, why do we say thank you?" Is it clear? Children, we need to know this. We need to know at least such a basic thing as why we say "thank you" and "you are welcome" to each other. All right.

I would like us to sing again the song, "Give Me Wisdom, Lord." Why do I want to sing it? Who knows? That we would get the wisdom? And who wants the wisdom?

Children: I do!

Mr. Kluson: Do you know how I know that you want wisdom? When you sing "Give Me Wisdom, Lord" honestly, then I will know that you really want it. But when you do your own things and are being foolish and play and talk, then I will know that you don't want the wisdom.

Because if you want the wisdom, you will sing well and say, "Lord, give us wisdom so that we would not stray from Your path."

