

Lectio Divina

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- **Read and re-read**, out loud and slowly the Gospel
 - **Meditate** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
 - **Pray** - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition
 - **Action** – Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do)
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December 30th 2012 Sunday Feast of the Holy Family – Year C – Luke 2:41-52

In this week's gospel we see the really human story of Jesus going missing on his parents. It was three days before they found him in the temple listening to and teaching doctors and scribes. His parents were overcome and scolded him for causing them so much worry. He told them he must be about his father's business and they did not understand but his mother stored up these things in her heart. He then went with them and lived under their authority where he increased in stature and wisdom and in favour with God and man.

Are there times in our lives when we felt this worry and loss maybe when our children went about their business and we did not understand what they were about?

Prayer:

Lord we thank you for the gift of our children and for the great courage they have in going about their lives sometimes taking them away to far off lands to find their feet and grow in wisdom and stature.

Forgive us for the time when we felt lost and overcome with worry about our families because they are not living as we thought they would. We do not sometimes trust that Jesus is with them; even so we put them in his care each morning.

Help us as parents to let our children go knowing that Mary our mother and their mother is also with them and understands our feeling and will look after them.

