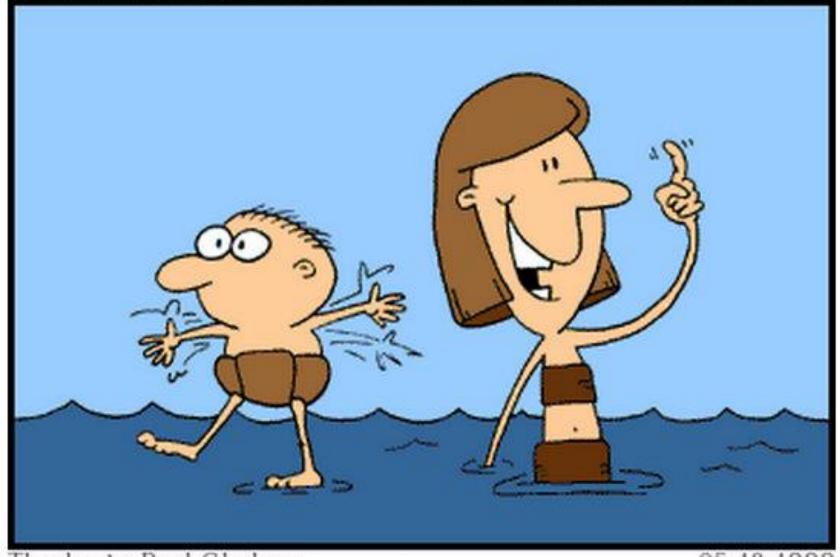
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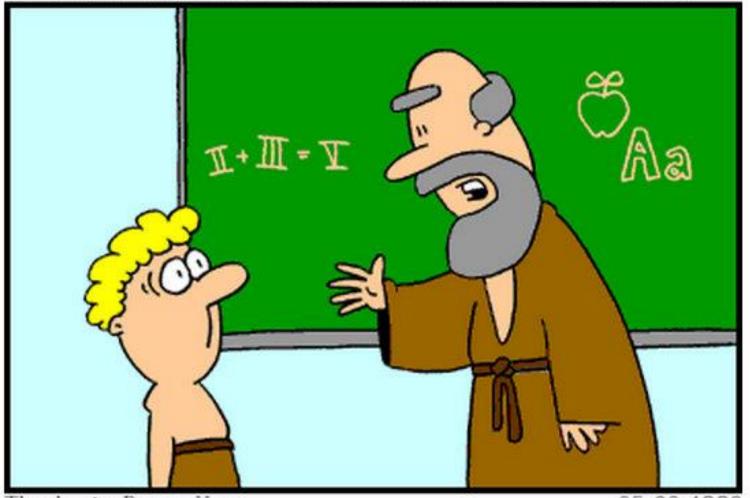
JOSEPH, COME QUICK ... JESUS IS TAKING HIS FIRST STEPS

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I PROMISE I'LL FINISH MY HOMEWORK IF YOU LET ME PLAY A LITTLE MORE ... HERE'S A RAINBOW, EVEN

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WHY CAN'T YOU JUST BE LIKE THAT JESUS BOY IN YOUR CLASS ... HE ALWAYS BEHAVES AND HAS HIS HOMEWORK DONE ON TIME



Luke Jesus in the Temple

Luke 2:41-52



Understanding Jesus' Mission

- Jesus understood the necessity of instruction in knowing God and His ways (2.49)
- Action Steps.
 - We need to make knowing God and knowing His will a priority
 - We need to accept that we may not be understood by people who have a different set of priorities
 - We need to fulfill all of our God-given responsibilities in conjunction with pursuing our mission

Understanding Jesus' Mission

- Mary and Joseph reflected a surprising ignorance of the nature of Jesus' mission and identity (2:50–51)
- Action Steps:
 - We need to remind ourselves regularly that Jesus is [in the words of C. S. Lewis] either <u>liar</u>, <u>lunatic</u>, or Lord
 - We need to remind ourselves regularly of the times when we have experienced the presence and activity of God in our lives