

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
December 30, 2018
The Feast of the Holy Family
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 † Colossians 3:12-17 † Luke 2:41-52



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Gone Missing

Why did Jesus leave the caravan of relatives going back home to Nazareth? He probably didn't realize the anxiety he was causing his mother and father, but Jesus wasn't having an adventure. He was about his father's business. Really? At age 12? Did Jesus realize who he was? Did he have an inkling of his mission?

They found him in the temple, of all places, amazing the elders and confusing his parents. But Jesus was impelled to respond to his calling, not concerned about any consequences. Might he be rejected by the elders and disciplined by his parents? Yet, he knew what he had to do: "be about his father's business!"

Have we gone missing? Are we willing to be rejected? Are we willing to live with consequences? Can we ask ourselves have we gone missing from preaching the truth in today's society?