

# MOTHERHOOD HAS ITS CHALLENGES (EVEN WITH A PERFECT CHILD)

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Luke 2:39-52

**Introduction:** Life had been a breeze for Mary . . . or at least that's the way we romanticize others' lives.

**Main Point:** Even though being a mom isn't a perfect **science**, God has a perfect **plan**.

**Background:** Life is moving forward for Jesus' family (2:39-40).

1. Her son's **age** was a challenge, **2:41-42**.

Parents go through stages of parenting (Cop, Coach, Counselor, Consultant).

Children go through stages of development (Determination, Direction, Discernment, Decisions).

Mary remembered the baby she held not long ago when the shepherds visited. She remembered the toddler as the wise men visited their home. And now, her little boy was moving very quickly into manhood.

2. Her son's **desires** were a challenge, **2:43-46**.

He had a different **plan**.

He had a different **passion**.

A wise mom raises her kids in the way they should go, not necessarily how she wants them to go (Prov 22:6).

3. Her son's **response** was a challenge, **2:47-50**.

His mother asked why.

Jesus asked why.

What do you do when the child makes sense?

4. Her son's **growth** was a challenge, **2:51-52**.

He was submissive to them.

He increased in wisdom, stature, favor.

When a child grows up in obedience and respect to mom, that child sees the goodness of God and His favor in ways that are hard to measure.

**Conclusion:** Moms, you have one of the most important jobs on the planet!