

And He Shall Be Called...Wonderful Counselor

Reflect

1. Who in your life gives the best counsel?
2. What are the characteristics of a wonderful counselor?
3. How is Jesus similar to other counselors? How is he greater than other counselors?

Read Your Bible

- Isaiah 9:6
- Luke 2:41-52

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. According to Isaiah 9:6, who is the Wonderful Counselor?
2. What do Mary and Joseph find Jesus doing in Luke 2:46? What does this say about counseling?
3. What does Luke 2:47-49 tell us about the divinity of Jesus?
4. What does Luke 2:51-52 tell us about the humanity of Jesus?
5. What questions would you like to ask Jesus?
6. What do you think Jesus is asking of you?

Conclusion

"If you could ask God any question, what would it be?" Some Middle Eastern school teachers had this exact opportunity. It was a holiday weekend in mid-April, seventy degrees with a light breeze. Around eighty-thousand festival goers flood into Jerusalem for Passover. The teachers gather in the city center, comparing lecture notes, when God Himself walks in—as a twelve-year-old unaccompanied minor. His answers were miracles and wonders in the form of words ("Wonderful") in the truest sense. His attentive ear and insightful questions warmed their hearts ("Counselor") in the fullest form. What would you have asked this boy? What do you think He would ask of you?

Pray

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to be our Wonderful Counselor. Gently remind us to seek Your counsel in prayer, in scripture, and in church. Strengthen us to follow the counsel You give us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.