

**Kidz World's
Church at Home
'NOT NORMAL' – Jesus at The Temple**

FUN TIME: “Not Normal Showcase”

What You Need: Not Normal Showcase printable

What You Will Do: Do you have any not-so-normal talents? While you're thinking about it, let's try out a few talents that are unique, but common. *Select a card from the Not Normal Showcase printable and read the not-so-normal talents, and ask if anyone can do any of them. Or give your children an opportunity to demonstrate any unique talents they have that were not on the list. Encourage everyone to try in some way.*

BIBLE TIME:

Even if you can't do any of these hidden talents, there's probably something about you that makes you special and different from everyone else, even if you haven't discovered it yet! Today, we're starting a new series called Not Normal! We're learning about Jesus' life and how He was not-so-normal. Let's start with our Bible story.

READ: Luke 2:41-52

Familiarize yourself with the Bible passage and summarize it for your younger children. Read it with older children. For toddlers and preschoolers, simply share the answers to these questions with them as you summarize the Bible story. Keep it short and sweet for them 😊.

1. What did Jesus do in this story that was not so normal?
2. How do you think Jesus' parents felt when they realized He wasn't with them?
3. What was Jesus doing when His parents found Him?
4. How did everyone react to Jesus' teachings?
5. What are some other things that make Jesus not normal?

REAL TIME: **Jesus is not normal.** Jesus was about twelve years old at this time. Most twelve-year olds would have been playing outside or doing some other physical activity. But Jesus chose to have a conversation with the temple leaders about God's Word. He was living life differently than everyone else because He was God and He was living God's purposes on Earth. Jesus lived life God's way. God wants us to live not normal lives, too.

Read Romans 12:2 (NLT). What are some ways we can live for God that would be considered not so normal, or different from how the rest of the world lives? What would be the hardest part of living a “not normal” life for God? A person who follows God might do ‘not normal’ things, like talking about God to others, doing the right thing, choosing not to sin, and putting God and others first. Let's choose not to be like everyone else, but let God tell us what's normal and not normal so we can please Him. Let's pray now and ask Him.

PRAYER TIME: “Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus to be our example of how to live. Help us to live not normal lives so we can please You. In Jesus' Name, amen!”

“Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God change you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

~ *Romans 12:2 (NLT)*