

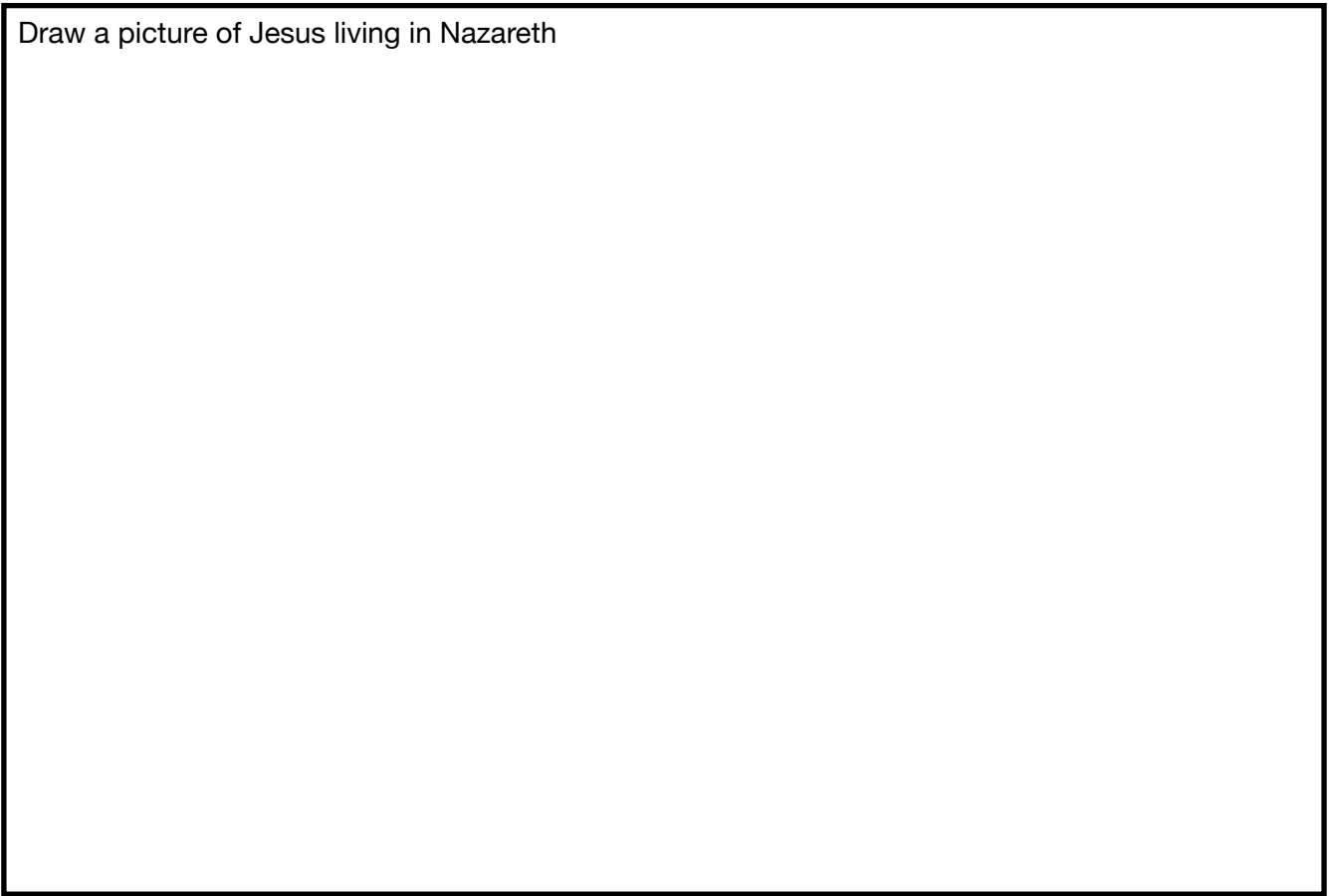
Based on Themes 4, Junior Infants-Second class

**Jesus lived in Nazareth**

Jesus lived in Nazareth  
in a little house of stone  
With Mary and with Joseph too  
it was a happy home.

Mary cared for Jesus well  
and taught him how to pray.  
They loved spending time together  
in their happy home each day.

Draw a picture of Jesus living in Nazareth



Adapted from Lk 2:41-52

Every year, Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem for a festival called the Passover. When Jesus was twelve years old, they took him there as usual. When the festival was over, they started back home, but Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. His parents did not know this; they thought he was with the group, so they travelled a whole day and then started looking for him among their relatives and friends. They did not find him, so they went back to Jerusalem looking for him. On the third day, Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the temple sitting with the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. All who heard him were amazed at his answers. His parents were astonished when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been terribly worried trying to find you? But Jesus answered them, 'Why did you have to look for me? Didn't you know that I had to be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand his answer. Jesus went back to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph. He respected them, and he grew in mind and body. He also grew in love of God and of others.

1. The teachers in the temple were amazed at Jesus' answers. How did Jesus know so much about God? Who did he learn it from? Who teaches you about God?
2. As Jesus grew up, he respected Mary and Joseph. In what ways do you think he that? How do we show respect for each other?
3. Jesus grew in love of God and of others. Do you know any other stories that showed how Jesus showed his love for God and others? In what way can you show love for others?

4. Jesus called the temple his Father's house? What do you think he meant by this?
5. Where do you listen to God?

### Prayers to learn

#### **Morning Prayer**

Father in heaven, you love me,  
You're with me night and day.  
I want to love you always  
In all I do and say  
I'll try to please you, Father.  
Bless me through the day. Amen

#### **Night Prayer**

God, our Father, I come to say  
Thank you for your love today.  
Thank you for my family,  
And all the friends you give to me.  
Guard me in the dark of night,  
And in the morning send your light. Amen