FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

Year C

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 • Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17 • Luke 2:41-52
Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

1 Samuel 2:26
Samuel's Prayer Testing in the Temple

School of Rembrandt
Praise the LORD from the earth ...  
Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Psalm 148:7a, 10
Peaceable Kingdom

John August Swanson
serigraph, 1994
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ... and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

Colossians 3:16ac
Lift Every Voice and Sing

Augusta Savage
Model for 1939 World's Fair
When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

Luke 2:43
Jesus Among the Doctors

Max Liebermann
Kunsthalle Hamburg
Hamburg, Germany
After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:46
Jesus Among the Doctors, detail -- Max Liebermann, Kunsthalle Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany
And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

Luke 2:47
Christ Disputing with the Doctors, detail

Ludovico Mazzolino, National Gallery, London, England
When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him,

Luke 2:48a
"Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety."

Luke 2:48b
Jesus Among the Doctors

David Teniers the Younger, Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vicenna, Austria
He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Luke 2:49
Christ with the Doctors in the Temple

Duccio
Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena, Italy
Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

Luke 2:51
Mary, Joseph and Jesus

Basilica of Notre-Dame Luhan,
Argentina
And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Luke 2:52
Joseph, Mary, and Jesus as a Carpenter  --  Sagrada Familia, Barcelona, Spain