

PONDERING ABOUT THE NEWS



Doubts over Singaporean boy ‘forgotten’ at Malaysian gas station

Parents are expressing shock and disbelief over a Singaporean family’s claim they drove two hours without noticing their young son was not in the car.

This story reminds me of the Bible record in Luke 2:43-44, *the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they (Mary and Joseph) were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends.*

Taking it to a spiritual level, Jesus is in your life but you left Him in the back seat of your car and may have forgotten Him. You might even have left Him along the road of life at some stop, maybe during a financial crisis or health issue. It is time to wake up and realize that He is missing and return to search for Him. He is waiting for you.

In the fairy tale, Hansel and Gretel, the father brought the children into the forest to leave them there but the children left a pebble trail to follow back home. In the Home Alone movies, the little boy is always left behind as the family packs off for the Christmas holidays. One situation is premeditated and the other is accidental carelessness on the part of the parents.

Let us give the couple the benefit of the doubt for we ourselves have left our loved ones behind. This Christmas come back to the One who loves you – **Jesus**.



The Vine Team wishes one and all a Blessed Christmas.

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