



# Support, Shepherd, and Send Out Our Kids



13-SESSION GUIDED STUDY  
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## Session 2: Devotion to God

Conversation Starter: "Almost Ancient" (Daily Download #245)  
Bonus Resource: "I Just Cleaned That!" (Weekly Episode #141)

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THE CONVERSATION STARTER

# “Almost Ancient”



STABLE FOUNDATIONS

Launch your study with this  
**CONVERSATION STARTER**

[Watch the video](#) or read it below.



READ

Before the study, take a moment to read Luke 1:46-56; 2:22-52



BONUS RESOURCE

Feel free to listen to **Weekly episode #141, “I Just Cleaned That!”** before your study, as an example of a conversation led by this study guide.

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**M**ost kids don't like watching anything black-and-white. When a film from the '90s is an "old movie," the family of the '50s seems almost ancient. What'd they do with their free time without the internet? As outdated as it may sound, many families invested in quality time, eating meals together, going to church every week, and studying the Bible regularly. No, life wasn't perfect. But are these "old-fashioned" priorities a thing of the past? Maybe with all our distractions, the foundation of our families has weakened. Adrift in a sea of activities, perhaps we've lost touch with the value of deep devotion to God together.



THE BIG IDEA

Worship isn't just what we do as a family – it's who we are.

The "Lord builds the house" (Ps. 127:1) when he's the heart of the home. Jesus grew up in a home where honoring God was the norm. The family "went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover" (Luke 2:41) – it wasn't a question; it was just what they did. They were poor, but they sacrificed what little they had to God, as he commanded (Luke 2:22-24). Before Mary and Joseph ever had kids, they were worshipers at their core. Listen to the beautiful words of devotion Mary spoke before Jesus' birth – "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior ... for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name" (Luke 1:46-49). It's only fitting that when Jesus was twelve, he continued the legacy, planting himself in the temple to discuss God's word (Luke 2:49).

So make devotion the core of your marriage from the earliest moments, before the kids come. Lay those habits and commitments deep, like concrete footers beneath your house. Serve, pray, and consistently assemble with the church, never too busy to show up for the One who showed up for us. Just imagine what might happen if more families took the "old fashioned" approach of Jesus' upbringing.



THE BIG QUESTION

Is glorifying God the soul of your family?

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DEEPEN YOUR DEVOTION TO GOD AS A FAMILY

## INTRODUCTION



Launch the study with a **CONVERSATION STARTER** on the Big Idea.

Read, listen, or watch "Almost Ancient" – [biblegeeks.fm/daily-245](https://biblegeeks.fm/daily-245) ▶▶▶



**ICE BREAKER** — Get everyone engaged and talking.

Have you ever wanted to pull a "Ferris Bueller" with worship and take a day off?

## ACT I



**FINDING JESUS** — Luke 1:46-56; 2:22-52

What's the main point of this passage?

What insights and applications do you take from these words of Christ? What do we need to get from these words that – if understood and applied – has the power to change a life or a family?

Is there anything else here you find helpful or interesting? Anything you've never noticed before – or have always loved about these words?

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## ACT II



### POETRY IN MOTION — Psalm 127 & 128

These psalms are designed as a pairing, expressing together God's blessing on the family that prioritizes him. Prepare to move through them quickly, drawing out an insight from each section. When studying in a group, consider having one person assigned to each section, and then having a brief group discussion for that section. (For example, one person shares their thoughts on Psalm 127:1-2, then the group discusses, followed by another person sharing their thoughts on Psalm 127:3-5, etc.)

#### Psalm 127:1-2

Main Point:

Key Verse:

Key Word:

Insight/Application:

#### Psalm 127:3-5

Main Point:

Key Verse:

Key Word:

Insight/Application:

#### Psalm 128:1-2

Main Point:

Key Verse:

Key Word:

Insight/Application:

#### Psalm 128:3-6

Main Point:

Key Verse:

Key Word:

Insight/Application:

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## ACT III

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**REACH OUT** — Connect with each other with this question.

What have you done to keep worship from feeling like a chore, rather than a privilege?

## WRAP UP

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**THE CHALLENGE** — Ready to put it into practice?

Sing a song of praise to God as a family.



**REQUEST** — Go to God in a closing prayer.

For example: "Oh God, please accept my sacrifice of praise to you today" (cf. Luke 2:22-24).



**NEXT SESSION** — Integrity

Prepare by reading Luke 16:10-13; James 5:12; Heb. 12:3-12