



Support, Shepherd, and Send Out Our Kids



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13-SESSION GUIDED STUDY
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Session 6: Example & Influence

Conversation Starter: "Jesus' Twelve Kids" (Daily Download #249)
Bonus Resource: "Go Cast Out Some Demons!" (Weekly Episode #145)

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THE CONVERSATION STARTER

“Jesus’ Twelve Kids”



SHEPHERDING & SHAPING

Launch your study with this
CONVERSATION STARTER

Watch the video or read it below.



READ

Before the study, take a moment to read John 1:35-51; 10:7-18; Matt. 28:16-20



BONUS RESOURCE

Feel free to listen to **Weekly episode #145, “Go Cast Out Some Demons!”** before your study, as an example of a conversation led by this study guide.

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Ever heard about Jesus' twelve kids? No, he never married or had children, but he wasn't a typical bachelor either. From the beginning of his ministry, he "adopted" a dozen men from various backgrounds into his inner circle. They followed him around, listened to his teaching, and watched him work. They asked a ton of questions, like most children do, and were usually confused by his answers. He gave instructions and watched as they obeyed or failed. Jesus wasn't a parent, but in a way, he was the perfect example of practical parenting. So, let's look to the Good Shepherd to show us how to shepherd our children well.



THE BIG IDEA

Your life speaks volumes to those following behind you.

Our kids need someone to show the way. So, we take a cue from Jesus' playbook and invite them to "Follow" (John 1:35-51). Or as Paul said, "*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ*" (1 Cor. 11:1). We're not perfect, but they're watching whether we realize it or not. Some people are sent to foreign soil to bring the gospel. You're sent to disciple your kids, "*teaching them to observe*" Christ's commands (Matt. 28:19). Like disciples spent every day with the Master, learning to "*follow in his steps*" (1 Peter 2:21), our kids spend their formative years right next to us. But, as they study you, what do they learn? Do they see consistent joy, gratitude, and prayer (1 Thess. 5:16-18)? Are they learning to see people with generosity and patience (1 Cor. 13:4-7)? What will they learn about work, friendship, money, and the opposite sex? And will they come to love Jesus and the story of salvation?

Shepherding isn't glamorous; it's messy, costly, and exhausting. But in his limitless love, Christ committed himself to the gritty, sacrificial work of leading his sheep (John 10:11). And as we spend ourselves in the thankless job of parenting, may our kids see Christ in us!



THE BIG QUESTION

Are you comfortable telling your children to walk like you?

Example & Influence

SHOW YOUR CHILDREN WHAT LIFE IS ALL ABOUT

INTRODUCTION



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

Read, listen, or watch “Jesus’ Twelve Kids” – biblegeeks.fm/daily-249 ▶▶



ICE BREAKER — Get everyone engaged and talking.

Who has been like a parent to you, that wasn't a parent themselves?

ACT I



LIKE THE MASTER: John 1:35-51

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



SCRIPTURE DU JOUR: John 10:7-18

First, let's summarize what Jesus says in this passage, giving each section a title:

- I. (10:7-9)
- II. (10:10-13)
- III. (10:14-16)
- IV. (10:17-18)

What's your favorite verse in this passage, and why?

What does this passage teach you about how Jesus shepherds?

How are parents like shepherds and children like sheep?

How could the principles revealed in this passage make a difference in your life this week?

ACT III



REACH OUT — Connect with each other with this question.

What challenges have you faced while shepherding your children?

WRAP UP



THE CHALLENGE — Ready to put it into practice?

Choose an activity to do with your child that Christ did with his disciples.



REQUEST — Go to God in a closing prayer.

For example: "God, help me shepherd like your Son" (cf. John 10:11).



NEXT SESSION — Parenting Goals

Prepare by reading Matt. 7:12-27; 2 Tim. 1:3-7; Ezek. 18:1-32