



# Support, Shepherd, and Send Out Our Kids



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13-SESSION GUIDED STUDY  
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## **Session 8: Teaching Moments**

Conversation Starter: "Why?" (Daily Download #251)

Bonus Resource: "Wow, That's So Cool!" (Weekly Episode #147)

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THE CONVERSATION STARTER

# “Why?”



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  
Luke 4:1-13; Deut. 6:1-25;  
Rom. 2:17-29



**BONUS RESOURCE**  
Feel free to listen to  
**Weekly episode #147,**  
**“Wow, That’s So Cool!”**  
before your study, as an  
example of a  
conversation led by this  
study guide.

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It's time to go to bed," says the parent. "Why?" "Because it's nighttime."  
"Why?" "Because the sun went down." "Why?" "Because of the rotation of  
the earth ..." Well, you get the point. Our kids constantly ask questions as their  
minds collect data at a breakneck speed. A parent can spend a whole day  
going from "Why are the dinosaurs gone?" to "Why is the sky blue?" to "Why do  
kids have to obey their parents?" The questions can be as challenging as  
plentiful. But as parents trying to shape our kids, they also provide something  
we need to recognize and seize: teachable moments.



**THE BIG IDEA**

The world is your child's classroom, whether you're  
teaching them or not.

They're learning machines, developing their understanding of the world each  
day. And we're their teachers, helping them get the best information and  
training. A lot of their education comes from reinforcing and repeating. But we  
can also meet them in those moments when they're ready to learn — if we pay  
attention. When their curiosity is piqued, stop and talk through the big  
questions. When an experience leaves them open to growth, those  
conversations are worth the time.

The Lord told parents to speak about his instruction all the time. Start by loving  
the Lord with all of yourself, placing his commandments on *your* heart (Deut.  
6:5-6). Only after you *teach yourself* (Rom. 2:21) can you *teach them diligently  
to your children, and ... talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk  
by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise* (Deut. 6:7). Whether we're  
on the go or taking a break, getting ready for breakfast, or getting ready for  
bed, the things of the Lord fill our hearts, our conversations, and our actions.  
And when we instill the word in their hearts, we equip them to answer life's  
"Why" questions with a ready *it is written* (Luke 4:1-13).



**THE BIG QUESTION**

What are your kids ready to learn, and are you taking the  
time to engage in those discussions?

# Teaching Moments

SEIZE EACH DAY'S TEACHING MOMENTS

## INTRODUCTION

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Launch the study with a **CONVERSATION STARTER** on the Big Idea.  
Read, listen, or watch "Why?" – [biblegeeks.fm/daily-251](https://biblegeeks.fm/daily-251) ▶▶



**ICE BREAKER** — Get everyone engaged and talking.  
Have your kids ever asked you a question that stumped you?

## ACT I

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**FINDING JESUS: Deut. 6**

As you read through this passage, consider:

What parts of this passage remind you of the character and actions of Christ?

Did Jesus ever quote or reference this passage? What did he teach about it?

How can reflecting on and applying this passage draw us closer to Christ?

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## ACT II

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### FAVORITE THINGS: Teaching Moments

When have you had your best conversations with your kids?

How have you created or seized teaching opportunities in the past?

Can you remember any special memories with your kids that gave you a chance to teach your kids an important lesson or truth?

## ACT III

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

How do you keep your teaching relevant for your kids as they grow?

## WRAP UP

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

Pause the TV to start a spiritual discussion with your family.



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

For example: "Oh Lord, write your word on my heart as I share it with others" (cf. Deut. 6:6-7).



### NEXT SESSION — Modeling Grace

Prepare by reading Matt. 6:12-15; Rom. 3:23-27; 2 Cor. 12:7-10