

Study Guide: *Bring Them to Jesus, Part 2: A Lesson from a Shepherd*

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1. I greeted my child with a smile or a kiss when I came home from work.
 2. I admired aloud something my child made with his [her] hands.
 3. I complimented my child on work well done.
 4. I praised my child’s efforts at school.
 5. I had a one-on-one talk with my child.
 6. I played with my child when I came home from work.
 7. I went to church with my child.
 8. I worked alongside my child to complete some task.
 9. I listened to my child tell a story without interrupting.
 10. I showed courtesy by saying “Please,” “Thank you,” or “Excuse me.”
 11. I asked permission before I used my child’s things.
 12. I took time to answer my child’s questions.

13. I exposed my child to an opportunity to learn good music.
 14. I taught my child to use tools and equipment correctly.
 15. I talked with my child about sex and reproduction.
 16. I showed my child's mother that I love and respect her.
- (Train Up a Child: A Guide to Successful Parenting, pg. 203).*

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 2. I read or told my child a story.
 3. I tucked my child in bed with a kiss.
 4. I gave my child a hug.
 5. I told my child of God’s love for him/her.
 6. I allowed my child to help with such chores as baking, cleaning, and shopping.
 7. I thanked my child for helping me.
 8. I called attention to an occasion when my child was courteous.
 9. I thanked my child for not interrupting when I was talking.
 10. I encouraged family togetherness by planning a special family activity.
 11. I disciplined my child with love even though I was angry.
 12. I made mealtime fun as well as nutritious.

13. I showed respect for my child's belongings.
14. I allowed my child the privilege of making a decision rather than making it for him/her.
15. I was home to greet my child after school.
16. I showed love and respect for my child's father." (*Train Up a Child: A Guide to Successful Parenting*, pg. 204).

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