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Bible Study

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What Parents Should Desire for Their Children
Luke 2:42-52

Hebrews 11:23 reads, *“By faith Moses, after his birth, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful and divinely favored child; and they were not afraid of the king’s (Pharaoh’s) decree”* (AMP) This verse reveals what a mother and father from the Old Testament observed when they first laid eyes on their child. Within the Bible there are many passages about the role and responsibilities of parents. Likewise, there are many verses centered on what children should do for their moms and dads. This lesson is designed to examine an episode in the life of Joseph and Mary to point out what parents should desire for their children.

Breakdown of Luke Chapter Two

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| 1. The <u>Birth</u> | of Jesus | Verses 1-20 |
| 2. The <u>Growth</u> | of Jesus | Verses 21-38 |
| 3. The <u>Youth</u> | of Jesus | Verses 39-52 |

1. Parents should desire Movement with their children.
Verses 41, 42
“Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. 42) When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom.” (NIV)
2. Parents should desire Commitment among their children.
Verse 46
“After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.” (NIV)
3. Parents should desire Amazement by their children.
Verses 47, 48
“Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48) When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.” (NIV)
4. Parents should desire Agreement from their children.
Verse 51
“Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.” (NIV)

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