



**Topeka Bible Church**  
**NextStep, Message #12:**  
***“Be a Fan of the Family -- Love a Baby (yecch!)”***  
**Community Group Study Questions**  
**Psalm 127 and selected passages**

1. Have you ever attempted to accomplish something, only to have your efforts fail? Does *Psalm 127:1* give any insight into why your efforts may have failed? How does understanding God’s sovereignty help during times of failure (*Proverbs 16:9; 19:21*)?
2. Why might it be a good idea to invite God into our “homes” (i.e. families) as we “build” them? How can we do this practically (*Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Proverbs 22:6; Colossians 3:18-21*)? How do you do this (family devotions, serving together, etc.)?
3. Do you really see children as a “gift” from the Lord (*Psalm 127:3; Genesis 9:1*)? This is easy to do when they are sweet and smiley, but what about the times when they are unruly and defiant? How can we see them as a “reward” during these times?
4. Why would Solomon claim that children are like “arrows” in a warrior’s “quiver” (*Psalm 127:4-5*)? How does a warrior use an arrow? How do children equip a man (or woman) for the “battle” of life?

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5. Thinking specifically about babies now, how do they represent our future here on earth (*Genesis 15:2-4*) as families and as a nation (*Isaiah 54:1*)? How do babies remind us of our future in heaven at God's banquet table (*Revelation 19:9*)?

6. According to Jesus, how do babies (or children) remind us of the way to salvation (*Matthew 18:2-4*; cf. *1 Peter 2:2*)? How do babies expose our selfishness and redeem us from it (*1 Corinthians 13:4-7*; *1 Thessalonians 2:7-9*)?

7. **NextStep APPLICATION:** Based on this study, do you see how valuable babies are to God? What next step can you take towards babies in the weeks to come? How can you practically serve babies or families that have recently had a baby?

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**Memory Verse:**

**“Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward.”**  
(*Psalm 127:3, NIV*)

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