

Pop Star Ciara Is Teaching 1-Year-Old Son to Praise Jesus

Ciara, pop singer of hits such as “Goodies” and “1, 2 Step” from 2004, has spoken out recently about teaching her 15-month-old son, Future, to praise Jesus.

“The other day we were saying, ‘Thank you, Jesus’ and I would say, ‘Say, thank you!’ And he would say, ‘Tank you!’ I’d say, ‘Je-sus’ and he’d say, ‘Yee-yus,’” the singer told *People* about her son. “It is so sweet!”

Ciara, who shares her son with former boyfriend Future, a rapper, says her son is going through a developmental stage in which he repeats everything he hears.

“He’s like a parrot now. He’s in the parrot stage so he [copies] everything you say— which you have to be careful with!” she told *People*.

Earlier this year, the 29-year-old generated media buzz when she and her boyfriend, Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson, shared publicly that their relationship is celibate.

Wilson, 26, has made it undeniably clear on social media that he is a Christian. He has often tweeted Bible verses and identified himself as a “Jesus follower” who is “too blessed to be stressed” and “too anointed to be disappointed.”

Conversely, Ciara is not known to publicly discuss her faith. However, recently she seems to have adopted Wilson’s habit of occasionally tweeting Bible verses. For example, she tweeted, “Write the Vision, Make it Plain, Habakkuk 2:2,” over the summer. Just one week ago, she tweeted, “God Is Soooo Good!”

Though her son is just over a year old, Ciara is already thinking about his adult future. Though she isn’t considering

that he will become an entertainer, she insists that she'll support him in whatever profession he decides to pursue.

"I'll support him with whatever his heart desires as long as it's something positive and productive. My mom was hesitant about me being in music, but she gave me room to figure it out. It's important to allow your kids to pursue their dreams," she told the British newspaper *Metro*.

"You don't want someone to wish they could have achieved something but were forced to do something else. But, show business is a tough world. Ideally I wouldn't want him to do it, but if his heart desires it then I'll support him."

Along with tweeting Bible verses, Ciara has also talked about her son being a gift from God.

"Honestly, I feel like everything in life happens for a reason, and my son has been the greatest gift that God has given me in my life and been the most game-changing thing that's happened to my life, in a necessary way," she said on Power 105.1 FM's syndicated radio show, *The Breakfast Club*, earlier this year.

While, like all parents, the singer confesses that having a child isn't always a walk in the park, she spoke about the importance of finding a balance in life to enjoy being a parent.

"It's really all about balance, scheduling things, and mapping out your day, so you don't feel overwhelmed. It is a lot of work having a child, but it really boils down to balance at the end of the day," she previously told *Refinery 29*. "You should really enjoy the process and trust the process of having a child while you're juggling everything. It can really be fun if you look at things in a positive and exciting way. Be excited about the whole challenge of it all."

Ciara told *Page Six* that she's in a good place in life and

relying on God to determine her future, including any possible marriage plans with Wilson.

“God knows everything that’s to come in the future, and I think it’s best to let Him keep taking control of things. Life is sweet, and I’m very thankful for all the great things happening in my life. I’m very happy.”

We applaud Ciara for choosing to “train up a child in the way he should go,” as the wise King Solomon wrote in Proverbs, and pray she will continue to draw closer to the Lord and unapologetically proclaim her faith. {eoa}

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