

“The Pacifier” starring Vin Diesel, Brittany Snow, Max Thieriot, 2005, PG, 95 minutes

Major themes:

- Espionage
- Family
- Grief
- Adaptation
- Wrestling
- Duty vs. devotion

Major characters:

- Shane Wolfe
- Howard & Julie Plummer
- Zoe, Seth, Lulu, Peter, Tyler
- Helga
- Principal Claire Fletcher
- Vice Principal Dwayne Murney

Background info:

- One of the taglines for this film is, *"Prepare for bottle. Prepare for battle."*
- In the opening scene, the ocean is actually a huge swimming pool.
- The ninjas in the movie were from Jackie Chan's stunt team.
- Navy SEAL roles include direct action, special reconnaissance, counter-terrorism, foreign internal defense, counter drug operations, hostage rescue, personnel recovery, hydrographic reconnaissance, and underwater demolition. Official sources note that training in babysitting is not usually included in the *"Navy SEAL training pipeline."*
- In December 2015, Vin Diesel said that a sequel was in the works!

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Scriptures:

Proverbs 14:22 (NLT) – *“If you plan to do evil, you will be lost; if you plan to do good, you will receive unfailing love and faithfulness.”*

Romans 12:9 – 11 (ISV) – *“Your love must be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to each other with mutual affection. Excel at showing respect for each other. Never be lazy in showing such devotion. Be on fire with the Spirit. Serve the Lord.”*

Proverbs 18:24 (The Message) – *“Friends come and friends go, but a true friend sticks by you like family.”*

2 Corinthians 2:5 – 8 (The Message) – *“Now, regarding the one who started all this—the person in question who caused all this pain—I want you to know that I am not the one injured in this as much as, with a few exceptions, all of you. So I don’t want to come down too hard. What the majority of you agreed to as punishment is punishment enough. Now is the time to forgive this man and help him back on his feet. If all you do is pour on the guilt, you could very well drown him in it. My counsel now is to pour on the love.”*

Proverbs 22:29 (The Message) – *“Observe people who are good at their work—skilled workers are always in demand and admired; they don’t take a backseat to anyone.”*

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Discussion points:

1. Many times in life we will be called upon to apply ourselves to new or unexpected situations. If you had to decide today how you will respond when that happens to you, describe what your response would look like.
2. Have you experienced beginning something out of duty and along the way discovered that it had transformed into devotion?
3. Share about a family who has influenced you. What family dynamics do you most want to implement in your own family?
4. Think of someone you know who is experiencing significant grief or loss. Share one practical step you could take to come alongside them in their grief.
5. Is there currently or has there been a time in your life where you felt boxed into a certain role but really wanted to do something else?
6. Every sport has its own jargon; wrestling is no exception. If you were to invent a new wrestling hold, what would you call it?
7. With which character in this film do you most closely identify?