

## Father's Day – June 19, 2022

Father's are very special, so special that they are mentioned in the Bible. Since the Bible is like an instruction manual for us, it gives us instructions on how to treat our father.

### Bible Reading:

***“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.” Exodus 20:12***

- Do you know what the ten commandments are? **They were rules that God gave to Moses for all of us to follow.**
- Each commandment is very important. God gave each commandment for a reason. One of the commandments says: *“Honor your father and you mother, so that all may go well for you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”*
  
- What does honor mean anyway? **Honor can mean many things. When we listen, obey, love, appreciate, and forgive our dad that is how we honor him. That means when he asks you to do something you should do it right away without complaining.**
- When you show you love your dad by hugging him and telling him that you love him that's another way to honor him. You can also appreciate your dad by thanking him when he does things for you (driving you to soccer practice or music lessons, etc.).

Our dads won't be perfect all the time, we all make mistakes. So, we should forgive our dads when they make mistakes because God asks us to.

Bible Reading:

***Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. Proverbs 4:1***

Some other verses in the Bible ask us to listen to our father's instruction and by doing this you will learn to have discipline and understanding. That means that when your dad gives you advice or warns you about something it's important to listen. Your dad was a kid once too and knows lots of stuff because he has lived longer than you.

So, if your dad asks you to hold his hand when you cross the street it's because he knows it can be dangerous because of all the cars. It's also why sometimes dads have to say "no" to things. If your parents always let you do everything you want you would never get any sleep and eat lots of candy, but our dads know that isn't healthy for you.

Bible Reading:

***"Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord."***  
***Colossians 3:20***

I know that sometimes you don't always want to obey your parents but it's important that you obey them because it makes God happy!

No matter how old you get your dad is your dad. Sometimes you might think that you can talk back to your parents or that you know more than them, but you don't. The Bible says to obey your parents always, not just when you're a kid. Your parents want the best for you and know what they're talking about.

Besides our earthly father, we also can trust that God will help us.

God knows every need we have and cares for us. Let's read this verse.

- **Psalm 103:13-14** *"As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for He knows how we are formed, He remembers we are dust."*

A human father who is not controlled by sin loves his children and has compassion on them. If an imperfect earthly father can have love and compassion for his children, **how much more does God the perfect Heavenly Father have for His Children?**

- **Isaiah 64:8** *"Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, You are the potter; we are all the work of Your hand."*

God has created each man, woman, boy and girl to have a relationship with Him. He desires to be our Father. The sin problem we inherited from Adam and Eve keeps us from that relationship with Him.

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, (Jesus) that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* (John 3:16)

You and I can have a relationship with God the Father by believing that Jesus died on the cross for our sins, was buried and rose again. Once a person believes by faith that Jesus paid the price for his/her sins he/she becomes a child of God.

Don't forget that we also have a heavenly father that cares and loves us no matter what. God is the father of all fathers. He is there when your father can't be. As a child of God every person has an Everlasting Father.

Summary:

Dads are many things. They are providers, teachers, mentors, spiritual leaders, coaches, and even playmates. But a Dad's most important job is modeling the love of God to his kids. We should love our Dads, knowing that they can show us how much God loves us.

**Memory verse:** *"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12*

**Close in Prayer:** Thanking God for our Dads & Grandfathers and all they do for us.

**Craft:** "Dad Rocks" & Father's Day Cards

**Supplies:** Smooth rocks, paints, paper plates, Father's Day cards.

Let the kids paint rocks for Dad as a gift, then they can make him a card.



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