

Father's Day – June 16, 2024

Dad's love us unconditionally.

Read: Luke 15:11-32 **The Son Who Left Home**

¹¹ Then Jesus said, "A man had two sons. ¹² The younger son said to his father, 'Give me my share of the property.' So the father divided the property between his two sons. ¹³ Then the younger son gathered up all that was his and left. He traveled far away to another country. There he wasted his money in foolish living. ¹⁴ He spent everything that he had. Soon after that, the land became very dry, and there was no rain. There was not enough food to eat anywhere in the country. The son was hungry and needed money. ¹⁵ So he got a job with one of the citizens there. The man sent the son into the fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ The son was so hungry that he was willing to eat the food the pigs were eating. But no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ The son realized that he had been very foolish. He thought, 'All of my father's servants have plenty of food. But I am here, almost dying with hunger. ¹⁸ I will leave and return to my father. I'll say to him: Father, I have sinned against God and against you. ¹⁹ I am not good enough to be called your son. But let me be like one of your servants.' ²⁰ So the son left and went to his father.

"While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. He felt sorry for his son. So the father ran to him, and hugged and kissed him. ²¹ The son said, 'Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am not good enough to be called your son.'²² But the father said to his servants, 'Hurry! Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Also, put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get our fat calf and kill it. Then we can have a feast and celebrate! ²⁴ My son was dead, but now he is alive again! He was lost, but now he is found!' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "The older son was in the field. As he came closer to the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called to one of the servants and asked, 'What does all this mean?' ²⁷ The servant said, 'Your brother has come back. Your father killed the fat calf to eat because your brother came home safely!' ²⁸ The older son was angry and would not go in to the feast. So his father went out and begged him to come in. ²⁹ The son said to his father, 'I have served you like a slave for many years! I have always obeyed your commands. But you never even killed a young goat for me to have a feast with my friends. ³⁰ But your other son has wasted all your money on prostitutes. Then he comes home, and you kill the fat calf for him!' ³¹ The father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me. All that I have is yours. ³² We had to celebrate and be happy because your brother was dead, but now he is alive. He was lost, but now he is found.'"

This father loved his son unconditionally. Which means no matter what he may have done in the past, his father would forgive him and welcome him back.

God is the same with us. He is our heavenly Father who loves us unconditionally and will always be there for us no matter what. He will forgive us if we just repent and reach out to him.

What else can we learn from the Bible about fathers -

Father's are very special, so special that they are mentioned a lot 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

- Remember learning about the ten commandments? **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

Have you ever watched a construction site where big buildings are being built? It's a fascinating process, isn't it? The builders carefully place one brick on top of another, slowly but surely creating a strong and sturdy building.

Our dads are very much like those builders, but what they're building is even more special - they're building our lives!

Fathers help to build our understanding of the world. They teach us important lessons about life, like how to treat others with kindness, the importance of telling the truth, and why we should always try our best.

They also help build our faith.

Our dads show us how to pray, they read us Bible stories, and they lead us to church.

They help us understand how much God loves us and how we can follow Jesus in our daily lives.

This Father's Day let's show our dads how much we appreciate their love and guidance.

We can do this by obeying them, lending a helping hand at home, and praying for them. And of course, we can also spend time building something fun with them - whether it's a sandcastle, a tower, or a beautiful memory.

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:



My Dad Rocks

Father's Day craft



Coloring Pages:

- Happy Father's Day

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hObQFlpGtWU>

Feel free to take a picture of their art work or share how your activity went! Post it on our Facebook page or share it on GroupMe. Have a Blessed Day & Week! Until we can meet again

~ *Teacher Chrissy*

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