

# We All Have a Father

## PRESCHOOL LESSON

**Theme:** Father's Day

**Scripture:** Psalms 68:5

**Memory Verse:** "A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling." Psalms 68:5

**Get Ready:** Click [here](#) to get your complete supply list for this lesson.

## The Children's Sermon

### Do This:

**SAY:** In the dictionary, there are many meanings to the word "father." Here are a few of them:

1. Father can be a man who has a child. (You might call him "your real dad.")
2. Father can be someone who begins something.
3. Father can be an older man.
4. Father can be one of the leaders of a city.

Sometimes a father could be your real dad. Sometimes a father could be a stepdad.

Sometimes a father could be a man who treats us as though they were our dad.

Sometimes a father could be a preacher, or maybe a teacher who teaches us important things.

Maybe you are a kid that has a wonderful dad. He does special things with you that you like to do. Maybe he takes you camping, or on special trips, plays soccer or football with you, or takes you shopping at the dollar store, or maybe to get an ice

**cream cone. Maybe he teaches you how to do things like ride a bike, how to fish, how to play a musical instrument, or how to fix something. Maybe he reads the Bible or Bible stories to you and teaches you about God.**

**Of all the things he can teach you, that's the most important thing. But you know, sometimes kids don't have a dad that they ever see, or who they don't see very often. But, they might have a stepdad, a grandpa, another relative or a good friend that almost seems like a dad to them.**

**Like the dictionary said, a father can be an older man. In the Bible there's a story about an older man who became like a father to a young man. The older man's name is Paul, and the young man's name is Timothy. The Bible doesn't tell us anything about Timothy's real dad—it just tells us about his mom Eunice, and his grandmother Lois (II Tim.1:4-6). Those Bible verses tell us that his grandmother was the first one in his family who loved God, and then his mother loved God, and then Timothy loved God. We don't know where Timothy's dad was, but we know that Paul, an older man, wrote letters to Timothy and taught him about God. He was like a father to him. He even told him what to do when he had a stomach ache! He also told him not to pay attention to the people that were saying that he was too young to do anything for God.**

**There's another story in the Bible about a leader in the city being like a father. In that story, Samuel was a young boy when his mother took him to the temple (like a church) to be taught by the priest/preacher Eli. Eli taught Samuel how to listen to God. Samuel grew from a young boy into a very great man of God because he learned how to listen to God.**

**We should be very thankful for having a dad that loves us, or for having someone who treats us like they are a dad to us. That's what this day is all about. If you have a Dad that does things with you or not, there is one Father that has promised to always be with you. God is our heavenly Father. He will never mess up, never leave us, and never make a mistake. He even said He would be a Father to those who don't have a father. Isn't that wonderful?**

**In Psalm 68:5 it says, "A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling." There were some words people used in the Bible when they would pray to God. They would say, "Abba, Father." Do you know what those words really mean? They mean "Daddy God." God is our perfect Father. We can trust him completely. He wants you to talk to him like you would with your dad or with a good friend here on earth. We call that praying. Praying is just talking to God like you talk to anyone else. He loves you so much. He wants you to love Him too. Why don't we talk to Him right now?**

**PRAY:** Father, thank you for letting us be here to celebrate Father's Day today. Thank you for putting people in our lives that can be like a father to us. Most of all, thank you for being my heavenly Father. Thank you for loving me. I want to love You too. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Bible Memory Verse**

**"A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling." Psalms 68:5**

## You'll Need:

- A Bible

## Do This:

Lead kids in these steps:

- Read Psalms 68:5.
- Read the verse several times aloud with the class, holding your hand by your ear as if to listen.
- Invite kids to gather in a circle.
- Sing today's Bible memory verse and have kids sing it back to you.
- Do this several times as a class.

## ASK:

- What do dads teach us?
- How does your dad teach you about Jesus?

**SAY:** God tells us to listen closely, pay attention, and learn from our fathers. Let's learn more about that now.

## Bible Interactive Experience

### You'll Need:

- A Bible
- Masking tape

**Get Ready:** Before the activity, tape a long line on the floor using the masking tape.

## **Do This:**

Lead kids in these steps:

- Read Psalms 68:5 out loud.
- Invite kids to stand on the taped line.
- Explain that you're going to randomly call out the words "listen" and "obey." When kids hear "listen," they'll jump to one side of the line. When they hear "obey," they'll jump to the other.
- Play several rounds, stumping kids by saying "listen" twice in a row, or saying the words quickly.

## **ASK:**

- **Why should we listen to our dads?**
- **What is something you like to do with your dad?**

**SAY:** Today we read about what it means to listen to our fathers, and more importantly, God our Father in heaven.

## Father's Wisdom

### **You'll Need:**

- ["Father's Wisdom"](#) video lesson
- **Something to play the video**

## **Do This:**

Show them the video.

## **ASK:**

- **What is something your dad teaches you?**
- **How are you like your dad?**
- **How does your dad show you the love of Jesus?**

**SAY:** Many of us love our dads just like Jesus loves His dad.

## Donuts for Dad

### **You'll Need:**

- **Crayons**
- **Brown paper bags**
- **Mini donuts - 2 per child**
- **Napkins**

**Get Ready:** Before the snack, have kids wash their hands.

### **Do This:**

Follow these steps to make the "Donuts for Dad" Snacks:

- Give each child a brown paper bag and crayons.
- Invite kids to decorate the brown paper bag for their dad.

- Give each child two donuts. Help them place one in the bag for their dad, and give them the other donut to eat.
- Enjoy.

### **ASK:**

- **Who is your heavenly Father?**
- **How does God show you He loves you?**
- **What are some ways you can show your dad that you love him?**

### **Virtual Lesson Tip**

*You can do this activity with the entire family.*

## **Father Says**

### **Do This:**

Follow these steps to play the “Father Says” game:

- Invite kids to line up on one side of the room.
- Explain that you’re going to play a game called “Father Says,” which is played like “Red Light, Green Light.”
- Stand at the opposite end of the room from the kids with your back facing them.
- When you say, “Father says go,” kids will move toward you as quickly as possible. When you say, “Father says stop,” swiftly turn around and the kids will have to freeze.
- The first child to touch you wins.
- Play several rounds as time allows.

**SAY:** You did a great job listening and watching during this game! Part of loving our fathers well is listening and obeying what they say.

### Virtual Lesson Tip

*You can do this activity with the entire family.*

## Five Things

### You'll Need:

- ["5 Things I Love About Dad"](#) handout - 1 per child
- Cardstock
- Paint
- A paintbrush
- A marker

**Get Ready:** Before class, print the "5 Things I Love About Dad" handouts on cardstock, one per child.

### Do This:

To make the "Five Things" crafts, have kids follow these steps:

- Give each child a "Five Things" handout.
- Paint each child's right hand and help them place it in the blank space on the handout.
- Fill in the blanks according to the prompts on the "Five Things" handout.



**SAY:** Great job sharing five things you love about your dad. Take these home to your dad as a reminder of all the things you love about Him.

## Football Prayers

### You'll Need:

- A football

### Do This:

- Have kids sit in a circle.
- Explain that you're going to pass a football around. As the football makes its way from kid to kid, invite each child to share why they're thankful for their dad.
- Close in prayer.

**PRAY:** God, thank You for our Fathers. Help us listen and obey their teaching and Yours everyday. In Jesus' name, amen.

## Time to Praise God

### You'll Need:

- Song: "Jesus Is the Living Water"  
[Words and Music](#) (pdf)  
[MP3](#) Accompaniment Track
- Song: "To Be Like Jesus"

[Words and Music](#) (pdf)

[MP3](#) Accompaniment Track

**SAY:** We give thanks for our fathers. Let's show God our love now through worship.

Lead children in singing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" and "To Be Like Jesus."

If You Have Extra Time...

Use these activity sheets to fill in any time and keep kids learning.

- [Coloring Page](#)

## Complete Supply List

- A Bible
- Masking tape
- "Father's Wisdom" video lesson
- Something to play the video
- Crayons
- Brown paper bags
- Mini donuts - 2 per child
- Napkins
- "5 Things I Love About Dad" handout - 1 per child
- Cardstock
- Paint
- A paintbrush
- A marker
- A football

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