

# We All Have A Father

## PRESCHOOL LESSON PLAN

**Theme:** Father's Day

**Scripture:** Psalms 68:5

**Memory Verse:** God is a father to the fatherless. - Psalm 68:5

## The Children's Sermon

Hello, little friends! Today, we're going to talk about something really special. It's about how God is like a Father to the Fatherless. That means even if someone doesn't have a daddy, God is there to take care of them, love them, and guide them just like a daddy would. Isn't that wonderful?

God's love is so big and so wide, it can fill up the whole world and still have room for more. He looks after everyone, especially those who might feel alone or sad because they don't have a father. God makes sure they are not alone. He is like a superhero dad for everyone!

Now, imagine you're playing in a big, beautiful park, but you can't find your parents. You might feel scared or alone, right? But then, imagine there's someone who comes to help you, to make sure you're safe and to find your parents for you. That's kind of what it means when we say God is a Father to the Fatherless. He's always there to help, protect, and make sure we are okay.

Sometimes, we see families that have a mommy and a daddy, and sometimes, we see families that are a little different. Some kids might have just a mommy, just a daddy,

grandparents, or even other family members taking care of them. And some kids might not have anyone. But the cool thing is, God promises to be like a father to those who don't have one. He fills that special spot in their hearts.

God's love is super strong. He can make the saddest heart feel happy again. He listens when we talk to Him, even if it's just in our hearts and not out loud. And guess what? He always understands, no matter what. That's something a really good daddy does, and God is the best at it.

Now, let's talk about how we can see God being a Father to the Fatherless in the world around us. Sometimes, He uses people like you and me to show His love. Maybe it's by being a good friend to someone who feels alone or by helping someone who needs it. When we do kind things for others, we are being little helpers for God, showing His love to the world.

God also gives us families, friends, and people in our churches or communities who can help us feel loved and cared for. He knows that having people around us who love us is like having a big, warm hug that doesn't end. That's another way He is a Father to the Fatherless, by making sure we all have someone to care for us.

And you know, even when things seem really hard or when we feel very alone, God's love is like a light in the darkness. It shines bright and shows us the way. He is always there, holding our hand and walking with us, every step of the way.

So, what can we do to help share God's love? We can be kind, we can listen to our friends when they're sad, and we can share what we have with those who need it. Every

time we do something good, it's like we're giving a big, happy smile from God to someone else.

Remember, no matter where we go or what happens, God's love for us is forever and for always. He is truly a Father to the Fatherless, a superhero dad who's always there, always loving, and always caring. And that's the most amazing thing of all.

So, let's close our eyes for a little moment and say a small prayer together. "Dear God, thank you for being like a daddy to everyone, especially those who feel alone. Help us to share Your love and be kind to others. Amen."

Thank you for listening, little friends. Remember, God's love is always with you, like the best daddy in the whole wide world.

## Bible Memory Verse

### **God is a father to the fatherless. - Psalm 68:5**

You Will Need:

- Construction paper
- Crayons or markers
- Stickers (optional)

Get Ready:

- Cut the construction paper into different shapes, one for each child.
- Set up a coloring station with crayons, markers, and stickers.

Do This:

1. Give each child a piece of construction paper.
2. Ask the children to think of something they love about their dad or a father figure in their life.
3. Have them draw or write it on the paper, using crayons, markers, and stickers. Encourage creativity!
4. Once everyone is done, gather the children and let them share their art if they wish. Explain how God is like a father to us, always loving and caring.

## Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- Construction paper (various colors)
- Crayons or markers
- Glue sticks
- Pictures of fathers or father figures from magazines (optional)
- Safety scissors

Get Ready:

- Cut construction paper into large heart shapes beforehand.
- If using, cut out pictures of fathers or father figures from magazines.

Do this:

1. Read Psalms 68:5 to the children, simplifying it to: "God is like a father to us; He takes care of us and loves us."
2. Give each child a large heart-shaped piece of construction paper and crayons or markers. Ask them to draw themselves with their father or a father figure. If they don't have a father figure, encourage them to draw God taking care of them or a father figure they know (uncle, grandfather, etc.).

3. If using magazine pictures, let children choose and glue a picture of a father or father figure onto their heart. Then, they can decorate around it with crayons or markers, expressing what they love about their father or father figure.
4. Encourage the children to share their creations with the group, talking about what they drew and why. This helps them articulate their feelings and thoughts about their father or father figure.

## Snack Activity: Father's Day Hero Sandwich

You'll Need:

- Bread (whole grain or white)
- Cheese slices
- Turkey or ham slices
- Lettuce
- Tomato (optional)
- Cookie cutter (star or heart shape)

Get Ready: Wash your hands and make sure an adult is there to help with the cutting.

Do this:

1. Use the cookie cutter to cut the bread, cheese, and turkey/ham slices into shapes.
2. Let the children layer the turkey/ham and cheese on one piece of the shaped bread.
3. Add a piece of lettuce (and tomato if using) on top of the cheese, then cover with another piece of shaped bread to make a sandwich.
4. Tell them that just like they are making a special sandwich for Father's Day, Psalms 68:5 says God is a father to the fatherless, a defender of widows. This is God, whose dwelling is holy. God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives

them joy. Explain that God cares for us like a father and we can show love to our earthly fathers with this special sandwich.

## Game Activity: Father's Day Protector Path

You'll Need:

- Large sheets of paper or cardboard
- Markers or crayons
- Tape

Get Ready: Draw simple illustrations that represent different ways fathers (or father figures) protect and care for us, inspired by Psalms 68:5, on the large sheets of paper or cardboard. These can be things like a house (shelter), an umbrella (protection), a heart (love), and a pair of shoes (guidance on a path). Tape these illustrations on the floor, spaced out to create a path.

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that each picture on the path represents how fathers protect and guide us, just like Psalms 68:5 says God is a father to the fatherless and protector of widows. Tell them that today, they are going to hop or step from one picture to the next to reach the end of the 'Protector Path'.
2. Have the children start at the beginning of the path. They can hop or step from one picture to the next, but they must say out loud how that picture shows protection or care (e.g., 'Umbrella protects us from the rain').
3. Once they reach the end of the path, celebrate their completion with a small reward, like a sticker or a high five, and remind them of the love and protection fathers provide, mirroring God's love for us.

# Craft Activity: Heavenly Father's Love Handprint Card

You'll Need:

- Construction paper (various colors)
- Non-toxic paint
- A paintbrush
- Markers or crayons
- Glue

Get Ready: Choose a bright color for the card's base. Cut another piece of construction paper into a simple cloud shape. Pour a small amount of non-toxic paint into a shallow container.

Do this:

1. Fold the bright-colored construction paper in half to create the card. On the front, help the child write 'Happy Father's Day' with markers or crayons.
2. Paint the child's hand with a thin layer of non-toxic paint. Press their hand onto the cloud-shaped paper to make a handprint. Allow it to dry.
3. Glue the handprint cloud inside the card. On the opposite side, help the child write 'A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. - Psalms 68:5'. Encourage them to decorate around the text with markers or crayons.

# Prayer Activity: Father's Day Prayer Hands

You'll Need:

- Construction paper (preferably in different colors)

- Markers or crayons
- Scissors

Get Ready: Trace each child's hand on a piece of construction paper and cut out the hand shapes ahead of time.

Do this:

1. Start by explaining that Psalms 68:5 tells us God is a father to the fatherless and a defender of widows. This shows us how caring and protective fathers can be, including our own and God Himself.
2. Give each child a cut-out hand shape and ask them to think of one thing they love about their dad or a father figure in their life. Help them write it down or draw it on the hand if they're too young to write.
3. Lead the children in a simple prayer, thanking God for their fathers and asking Him to bless them. Encourage the children to say one thing they wrote on their hand during the prayer.