

# We All Have A Father

## LOWER ELEMENTARY LESSON PLAN

**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

## 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

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

You Will Need:

- Colored construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers (optional)

Get Ready:

- Cut the construction paper into shapes of houses.
- Prepare a sample 'God's Care House' to show as an example.

Do This:

1. Ask the children to think about what makes a home feel safe and loved. Discuss how God is like a father who provides and protects us.
2. Have each child decorate their paper house with markers, crayons, and stickers. Encourage them to write or draw things inside the house that remind them of God's care and protection, like 'love', 'safety', 'family', and 'God watches over us'.
3. Once everyone has finished, gather the children in a circle and let them share their 'God's Care House' with the group. Discuss how God is a father to the fatherless and a defender of widows, just like the verse says.

## Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- A large piece of poster board or construction paper
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Stickers or stamps with fatherly themes or hearts
- Pre-printed cutouts of clouds and a big chair (or materials to draw them)
- Glue or tape
- A Bible

Get Ready:

- Write Psalms 68:5 at the top of the poster board: "A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling."

- Prepare the cutouts of clouds and a big chair. If making them, draw and cut them out before the class.
- Set up a table with all the materials spread out for easy access.

Do this:

1. **Introduction**: Start by telling the children that today we're going to learn about how God is like a father to us all, especially those who might not have a father. Explain that we're making a special Father's Day poster to remind us of God's love.
2. **Activity Part 1**: Have each child select a cloud cutout. On it, they should write or draw something they think a father or God, as our heavenly father, does for us. For example, "protects us," "loves us," or "listens to us." They can use markers or crayons for this.
3. **Activity Part 2**: Next, let the children pick out the big chair cutout. This represents God's throne, as mentioned in Psalms 68:5, where He watches over everyone. Have them decorate the chair with stickers, stamps, or drawings to make it colorful and welcoming.
4. **Putting It Together**: Once everyone has finished their cutouts, help them arrange and glue or tape their clouds around the big chair on the poster board. As they do this, encourage them to share what they wrote or drew on their clouds and why.
5. **Discussion**: While the children work, talk to them about the importance of fathers and father figures in our lives, and how God fills those roles for everyone, especially those who might feel alone or without a father. Emphasize God's love and care for all His children.

6. **Wrap-up**: Hang the completed poster in your classroom or church as a reminder of God's fatherly love. Conclude by praying together, thanking God for being our heavenly Father and for all the fathers and father figures in our lives.

## Snack Activity: Heavenly Father's Day Treats

You'll Need:

- Graham crackers
- Cream cheese or frosting
- Blue food coloring
- White mini marshmallows
- Pretzel sticks
- Plastic knives or spreaders

**Get Ready:** Mix a few drops of blue food coloring into the cream cheese or frosting until it reaches a sky blue color. This represents the heavens where God, our Heavenly Father, dwells as mentioned in Psalms 68:5.

**Do this:**

1. Spread the sky blue cream cheese or frosting over a graham cracker using a plastic knife or spreader. This is the base of your treat, symbolizing the sky.
2. Arrange the white mini marshmallows at the top of the graham cracker. These represent the clouds in the heavens, reminding us of God's presence above.
3. Place pretzel sticks vertically on the graham cracker to make a 'ladder.' This symbolizes the connection between us and our Heavenly Father, reminding us that He is a 'father to the fatherless' and a protector, as described in Psalms 68:5.

This snack activity not only creates a tasty treat but also opens up a discussion about the role of our Heavenly Father and how He cares for us, making it a perfect Father's Day lesson.

## Game Activity: Father's Day Defender Dash

You'll Need:

- Chalk
- Pictures of fathers or father figures (can be drawings or printed photos)
- A bell or any sound-making object

Get Ready: Draw a large hopscotch grid on the ground, but instead of numbers, leave the squares blank. Place the pictures of fathers or father figures in random squares throughout the grid.

Do this:

1. Divide the children into two teams. One team will be the 'Defenders' and the other team will be the 'Dashers'.
2. The Dashers must hop through the hopscotch grid, trying to touch as many father pictures as they can, collecting 'Father Points' for each picture touched. However, they must hop in the correct hopscotch manner: one foot in single squares and two feet in side-by-side squares.
3. The Defenders will ring the bell or make a sound at random intervals. When the sound is made, the Dashers must freeze. If a Dasher is caught moving after the sound, they have to go back to the start. The game continues until all Dashers have had a turn. The team with the most Father Points at the end wins.

This game helps remind us that, just like in Psalms 68:5, fathers and father figures are important protectors and supporters in our lives, and we should celebrate and honor them, especially on Father's Day.

## Craft Activity: Heavenly Father's Day Card

You'll Need:

- Construction paper (various colors)
- Markers or crayons
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Stickers or glitter (optional)

Get Ready: Choose a piece of construction paper for the card. Fold it in half to create a card shape.

Do this:

1. On the front cover, write 'Happy Father's Day' with markers or crayons. Decorate around the words with stickers or glitter if you like.
2. Inside the card, on the right side, write 'A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. - Psalms 68:5'. Below the verse, draw a picture of you with your earthly father or a father figure in your life.
3. On the left side inside the card, write a personal message to your dad or father figure, telling them why they are special to you. If you like, you can also draw more pictures or decorate with stickers.
4. Once you're done, fold the card and give it to your dad or father figure as a special Father's Day gift.