

God Of Our Fathers

PRESCHOOL LESSON PLAN

Theme: Father's Day

Scripture: Luke 11:11-13

Memory Verse: If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? - Luke 11:11

The Children's Sermon

Hey kids, guess what special day it is? That's right, it's Father's Day! Today is a super cool day because it's all about saying "Thank you" and "I love you" to dads, grandpas, and all the father figures in our lives. They do so much for us, like helping us tie our shoes, teaching us how to ride a bike, and giving the best bear hugs. So, today, we're going to talk about why Father's Day is so important and share some awesome Father's Day Scripture to help us understand better.

Father's Day is not just about giving cards and presents (though those are pretty fun, too). It's also about spending time together, sharing stories, and showing love. Just like how we have a heavenly Father who loves us a lot, our dads and father figures on Earth show us a little bit of that love every day in how they care for us.

Now, let's dive into some Father's Day Scripture that talks about the love and guidance fathers give. In the Bible, there's a verse that says, "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord." (Colossians 3:20) This means that listening to our dads and doing what they say is not just good for us, but it also makes God happy because He knows they want the best for us.

Another cool Father's Day Scripture is, "The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him." (Proverbs 23:24) This tells us that when we make good choices and are kind and wise, it makes our dads super happy. It's like when you finish a big puzzle or learn something new, and you see your dad smiling and proud. That's the joy this verse is talking about.

Fathers are like superheroes. They don't wear capes (well, most of the time), but they do lots of things to protect us, teach us, and make sure we're happy. They're the ones who check for monsters under the bed, fix the broken toy, and teach us how to be brave. And just like superheroes, sometimes they get tired too, because being a dad is a big job!

So, on Father's Day, we get to be their sidekicks. We can help them feel special by making them breakfast in bed, drawing them a picture, or just giving them a big hug and saying, "Thank you for everything you do!" It's our turn to make sure they know how much they are loved and appreciated.

Now, let's remember another Father's Day Scripture, "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12) This is one of the Ten Commandments, and it's really important. It tells us that listening to and respecting our parents is something God wants us to do because it's good for us. It helps us grow up to be kind, respectful, and loving people.

Did you know that Father's Day is celebrated all around the world? It's true! People in different countries have their own ways of showing love to their dads, but the feeling is

the same everywhere. It's all about making sure dads know how important they are and how much we need them.

Fathers teach us so many things, like how to be honest, how to share, and how to be strong. They also show us how to treat others with respect and kindness. And even when we make mistakes, they're there to help us learn and grow from them. That's why it's so important to listen to their advice and learn from their experiences.

Let's think about another Father's Day Scripture, "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him." (Psalm 103:13) This verse reminds us that just like our dads are kind and forgiving to us, God is even more so. He loves us so much and is always ready to listen and help us when we need it.

So, kids, let's make this Father's Day extra special. Let's show our dads, grandpas, and all the father figures in our lives just how much we love and appreciate them. We can do this by being kind, helping out around the house, and maybe even learning a new Father's Day Scripture to share with them.

Remember, it's not just about the gifts or the cards. It's about the love we share and the time we spend together. So, let's make sure our dads know they're our heroes not just on Father's Day, but every day. And let's thank God for giving us such amazing dads and father figures who teach us, guide us, and love us always.

Happy Father's Day, everyone! Let's make it the best one yet, filled with love, laughter, and lots of fun memories. And don't forget to say a little prayer of thanks for all the dads out there and for our heavenly Father who loves us more than we can imagine.

Bible Memory Verse

If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? - Luke 11:11

You Will Need:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Crayons or markers
- Small stones
- Pictures of bread (or real bread slices if preferred)

Get Ready:

- Cut out paper bread shapes from the construction paper.
- Prepare a small table or area where children can work comfortably.

Do This:

1. Show the children the small stones and the bread shapes. Ask them if they would like to eat stones or bread. Explain how the verse teaches us that just like a good father gives good things to his children, God gives us what is good.
2. Have the children color their bread shapes with crayons or markers. They can be creative and make different kinds of bread.
3. Next, let the children glue the picture of the bread or the bread shape onto a piece of construction paper. Around or below the bread, help them write or assist in writing the memory verse. Explain that this craft reminds us of God's goodness and love, just like a father's love for his children.

Snack Activity: Heavenly Father's Fish Snack

You'll Need:

- Blue Jell-O (or any blue-colored gelatin dessert)
- Gummy Fish
- Clear Plastic Cups

Get Ready: Prepare the blue Jell-O according to the package instructions a day before the activity.

Do this:

1. Fill the clear plastic cups halfway with the prepared blue Jell-O to create the 'water.'
2. Let the children place gummy fish into the Jell-O 'water' to represent the fish the father might give instead of a snake, as mentioned in Luke 11:11-13, symbolizing the good gifts God gives.
3. Refrigerate the cups until the Jell-O is fully set. Share with the kids that just like they enjoy giving good things to their dads on Father's Day, our Heavenly Father enjoys giving us good things too.

Game Activity: Father's Day Fishers of Fun

You'll Need:

- A large blue sheet or blanket to represent water
- Several plush toy fish or fish cutouts
- A makeshift fishing rod (a stick with a string and a magnet attached, or just a simple stick for pretend play)

Get Ready: Spread the blue sheet on the floor to represent a pond or sea. Place the plush toy fish or fish cutouts on top of the 'water.' If using fish cutouts, you can attach paper clips to them and a magnet to the fishing rod for an actual fishing experience. Otherwise, the children can simply use the rods for pretend play.

Do this:

1. Share with the children that just as they are fishing for the toy fish, God provides for us, just like a father provides for his children. Reference the story from Luke 11:11-13 about how a father gives good gifts to his children.
2. Let the children take turns 'fishing' for the toy fish in the 'pond.' As they fish, encourage them to think of something they are thankful for that their father (or a father figure) provides for them.
3. After everyone has had a turn, gather the children and have them share what they caught and what they are thankful for. Conclude by emphasizing that our Heavenly Father provides for us and gives us good gifts, just like our earthly fathers do.

Craft Activity: Heavenly Father's Love Cards

You'll Need:

- Construction paper (various colors)
- Crayons or markers
- Stickers (optional)
- Glue stick

Get Ready: Cut the construction paper into card-sized pieces, one for each child.

Do this:

1. Read Luke 11:11-13 to the children, explaining that just like their earthly fathers give them good gifts, our Heavenly Father gives us the best gifts.
2. Ask the children to think of one thing they love about their dad or a special father figure in their life.
3. Have them draw a picture on the front of the card that represents what they love about their dad. They can use crayons, markers, and stickers.
4. Inside the card, help them write a simple message like 'I love you, Dad!' or 'Thank you for being my dad!' For younger children, you might write the message for them to trace or decorate.
5. Encourage them to give the card to their dad or father figure on Father's Day as a reminder of both their love and God's love.

Prayer Activity: Heavenly Father's Love

You'll Need:

- A simple picture of a father and child
- Crayons or markers
- Small heart stickers

Get Ready: Print or find a simple picture of a father with his child that the kids can color. Ensure you have enough crayons or markers and heart stickers for each child.

Do this:

1. Read Luke 11:11-13 to the children, explaining that just like their earthly fathers give good gifts, our Heavenly Father gives us the Holy Spirit and loves us very much.
2. Give each child a picture to color. While they color, talk to them about the ways their fathers or father figures show love to them.

3. After they finish coloring, help them stick a heart sticker on the picture as a symbol of love. Encourage them to say a simple prayer thanking God for their fathers and for His love. Example: 'Thank you, God, for my daddy and for loving us so much. Amen.'