

Lesson 10

Celebrating Dads

Objective

Since we have been studying about the family of Jacob, we will celebrate fathers and/or grandfathers and make them something special to show our appreciation.

Supplies

Teachers and/or Coordinators ensure supplies are ready prior to each class.

Print From the Site:

- Dad Card – one per student
- Dad Craft Tag Template – 42 on a page, cut out before class – 1 circle for each letter to spell out “D-A-D” – enough for each student
- Bibles – enough for everyone to have one
- Pens/Pencils/Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Stickers (for attendance)
- Attendance Chart
- Aluminum Cans or Sturdy Plastic Cups – cleaned and empty, labels removed – checking to make sure there are no sharp edges – three per student
- Construction Paper – 3 different colors for each student to wrap around can/cup. Cut them the same height as the cans/cups if possible before class.
- Glue sticks to share
- Scissors to share
- Colored Rubber/Elastic Bands or Ribbon – to wrap around cans – approximately 20 per student
- Hole Punch – to share
- Small Binder Clips – 2 per student if you want the containers to stay together



Optional Supplies

- Snack: Fruit Pieces, Crackers, or Pretzels – 10 for each student
- Napkins – one per student
- Stickers, paper shapes, glitter, etc. – enough for students to decorate cards

Teacher Tips

- ★ See Lesson One to Review

1) Introduction to Lesson

As students enter, welcome them and help them find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance.

Today we are going to make something nice to celebrate the men in our life. Every family is different. Some of us have a dad that lives with us at home. Some have a grandpa or uncle who takes care of us if dad can't. Some of us live with a family that chose us and who helps take care of us. Everyone has some special man in their life that helps them – maybe at church or at home. We are going to celebrate that special someone today. So think about a man in your life, dad, or someone else whom you can say thank you to!

We are learning about Joseph and his dad Jacob. Very soon something will happen that will mean Joseph will not have his dad for many, many years. He will only have God to help him. Sometimes we might face a time in our life where only God is with us. That is ok, because we can trust in God like we will see that Joseph did. But today we can appreciate a special man in our life who is there for us and say thank you for helping to raise us.

2) Class Time – Celebrating Dad Organizer Craft

15-20 minutes

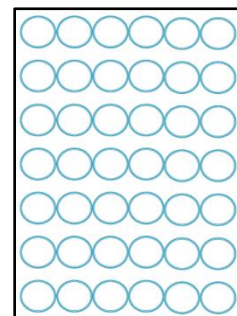
Prep

Before class gather and clean out three aluminum cans for each student or use three sturdy plastic cups. Bring them to class with the other supplies listed in the supply list. *Note image shows supplies in cans – we are not providing those – dad will fill with his own office or tool supplies.



Activity

- 1) Hand out three aluminum cans or plastic cups to each student.
- 2) Have students cut out strips of construction paper to wrap around each can. Use a different color for each can. Then, using gluesticks, glue the metal can and then wrap the construction paper cut to size around it and glue the ends to make sure they are covered over and hiding the metal underneath. (Again if using



plastic cups that are already colored, you can skip this step or do with a smaller amount of construction paper to make the cups different colors.)

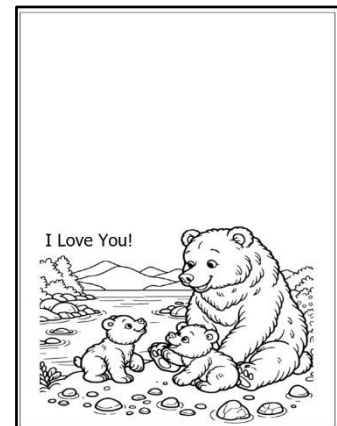
- 3) Stretch colored rubber bands around the body of each can. Crisscross them for a more abstract look, or follow the can's grooves to create evenly spaced stripes. If you don't have rubber bands of different colors, hand out ribbon and have students cut to the size of the can and wrap it around, gluing it to the can or tying a bow.
- 4) Hand out tags, and have students hole punch the top of each. Let the students write d-a-d, one letter per tag. Loop a rubber band through the hole and wrap it around the can as show. Or use ribbon.
- 5) Use binder clips to hold the cans together if desired. Tell the students they can give these to their dads or grandpas as desk organizers and dad can put in pencils, pens, supplies, receipts, etc. to keep his desk clean and organized! Or, he can put his small tools like screws, screwdrivers, wrenches and pencils.

3) Card for Dad Craft

15-20 minutes

Hand out one card for each student. Have the students fold it in half, and then with crayons/pencil crayons, decorate the card and write something nice inside of the card for their dad or grandpa or equivalent. Use optional stickers, glitter, etc. for decorating. When finished, have students clean up.

Think of something nice the person you are making the card for does and thank them for it on the inside of the card. Remember to sign your name.



We need to remember that it is great to be nice to dad once a year, but even better is to be nice to dad every day of the year! What are some ways we can be nice to our families every day? Let students list different ideas.

Remember being kind and obeying our parents makes God happy and makes our parents very happy as well!

Let's turn in our Bibles to Ephesians and read what it says about how we should treat our parents in Ephesians 6:1-3.

Ephesians 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

Let's remember to honor the people who take care of us.

If time have students show one another their cards and the nice thing they wrote inside.

4) Optional Songs**5 minutes****Sons of Jacob** (to the tune of "Ten Little Ladybugs")

Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah,
Issachar, Zebulun, Dan, Naphtali,
Gad, Asher, Joseph, Benjamin.
These are the sons of Jacob.

Sing the books of the Old Testament together as practice as well if you choose.

5) Optional Snack: 10 Pieces – Things to be Thankful**You've all done a great job making something nice for your dad/granddad.**

Hand out handfuls or paper cups full of 10 pieces of either fruit, crackers, or pretzels.

Explain that: **For every piece you see, I want you to think of one thing you can thank God for about your family. So think of 10 things while you eat your 10 pieces.** Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands.

Discuss the things they are thankful for while snacking!

6) Closing Prayer

****Before the prayer, make sure the activities/snacks have been cleaned up. Ask if there are any prayers the students want to share and if so write them down.**

Dear God thank You for the men in our lives who care, teach, and guide us. Thank You for fathers and grandfathers and we pray that the boys in our group will grow up to be godly fathers and take their children to church every Sunday. We pray that the girls in the group will marry godly men who will be kind and loving to them and any children they have. Help the families in the church who are raising children to do so with love, patience, and wisdom.

We pray for those who are sick, weak, or could not attend and that they will return to us next time. We pray for the church family, that we will all worship You in spirit and truth as You ask us too.

Thank You for Your help, Your love, and for being our Father. In Jesus' name, Amen.

7) Things to Remember

Thank the children for coming.

Take their activity sheets home.

Make sure students leave with a responsible person.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!