

Lesson 3: Father's Day Lesson

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Make Father's Day Cards and a gift to show their fathers or grandfathers how much they appreciate them.
- 2) Review Joseph and the fact that he did not have his father for many years and why we should be happy that we have fathers.
- 3) Learn that it is not just enough to give gifts to our parents once a year, we need to respect, love and obey them every day of the year too!

Supplies:

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Bible(s)
- Markers/Pencil Crayons
- Pens/Pencils
- Attendance Chart (See Template)
- Stickers for Attendance
- Aluminum cans (tomato sauce or corn for example) – cleaned and empty, labels removed – checking to make sure there are no “sharp” edges – three per student

OR

- Sturdy Colored Plastic Cups from Dollar Store – three per student
- Construction paper – three different colors for each student to wrap around the aluminum cans. *Cut them the same height as the cans if possible before class

*Construction paper not required if using plastic cups that are already in different colors.

- Glue Sticks to share
- Scissors to share
- Colored rubber bands **or** different colored ribbon if you can't access colored rubber bands. approximately 20-30 per student
- Tag Template – cut out 3 circles for each student before class
- Hole punch – to share to make a hole at the top of each circular tag
- Small Binder clips – optional 2 per child if you want the containers to stay together.
- Father's Day Card – one per child printed on white paper.

Snack:

- Fish shaped or regular crackers 8 - 10 per child
- Napkins for snack one per child
- Juice or water and cup one per child

Lesson:

1) Introduction to Lesson

2-5 minutes

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

Take attendance. Once children are seated say:

This week we are going to make gifts and a card for our dad or you can make it for your grandfather. This will show how much you appreciate him!

Do you remember the story of Joseph? Joseph was sold by his brothers to people who took Joseph to Egypt. He left as a teenager and didn't get to see his father again for many, many years! We are blessed that we have fathers and grandfathers in our lives. They are people who care and look after us and help us. Joseph didn't have anyone except God! 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 Joseph did! But, we can today appreciate our fathers or grandfathers who are there for us and say "thank you" for helping to raise us!

2) Father's Day Gift – Office Organizer

20-30 minutes

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.

At class:

- 1) Hand out three aluminum cans or plastic cups to each child. Have students cut out strips of construction paper to wrap around each can. 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.)
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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, ruler, etc. to keep his desk clean and organized! Or, he can put his small tools like screws, screwdrivers, wrenches and pencils for in the garage.



3) Father's Day Card Craft

15-20 minutes

Hand out one card template for each child along with scissors. Have the students cut out the shape of the card, fold it in half, and then with crayons, decorate the card and write something nice inside of the card for their dad or granddad. When finished, have children clean up before moving on to the next activities.

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 mom and dad 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. Read:

Ephesians 6:1-3

6 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."

4) Optional - Snack: Fish Crackers or crackers

5 minutes

Hand out crackers enough for each child to have 8-10. Also give each child a glass of water or juice. Explain that, **"Just like our card for our dad, we are having "fish" crackers. 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! As we eat each cracker, let's think of one thing we can do to be nice to our dad's every day of the year!** Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands. Discuss questions and suggestions while snacking!

5) Optional - Songs

5 minutes

Have children sing songs with you. Some examples:

- 1) **Old Testament Books of the Bible - Sung to the Alphabet song**
- 2) **Songs of Joseph** (See Printed Song Sheet)

6) Close in prayer

*If desired, ask the children if they have any prayer requests and write them down to help you remember. Then ask all children to bow their heads and fold their hands to pray.

Thank God for the men in our lives who care, teach, and guide us. Thank God for fathers and grandfathers and pray that the boys in our group will grow up to be godly fathers and take their children to church every Sunday and pray that the girls in the group will marry godly men who will take their children to church services every Sunday as well!

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!