

Preschool Summer
Lesson 3:
God Gave Us Fathers to Help – Father’s Day

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Do activities that show them that fathers are special and are a blessing from God

Accommodations: How will I accommodate individual needs of students?

- See Lesson 1 for a complete list of ideas

Supplies:

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Sheet
- Stickers – enough for each child to have one every lesson for 13 lessons
- Glue sticks and/or Tape to share
- Scissors for teacher to cut tissue paper strips

All About Dad/Grandpa Cards

- All About My Dad Card – one per child *Note if a child does not have a dad to give a card to, see if they would like to make a card for their Grandpa instead
- All About My Grandpa Card – one per child as needed

Father’s Day Wall Art

- Template printed onto white cardstock paper – 8 per page – one per child cut out
- Tissue Paper – cut into 1 x 4 inch strips – about 50 strips per child
- String – one piece per child 4 inches long

Optional Activities

- Jesus Helps Connect the Dots – one per child
- Dolls that represent family – dad, mom, sisters, brothers, baby, etc. and/or books that show children about families and especially fathers.
- “I’m Glad I’m Your Dad” borrow from library or purchase from Amazon – A Happy Day Book by Bill and Kathy Horlacher
- Snack: Your choice - enough to share
- Napkins
- Cups with water to share

Lesson:

1) Introduction to lesson:

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance (using attendance chart supplied). Let each child put a sticker beside their name for this week. If a new student comes, write their name and have them put a sticker on for this week also. Have them all sit around the table.

Share with students, **“Today we are going to talk about God and the fact that He made our families. God made our dads and grandfathers. We are going to look through the Bible to see that God loves us so much He created families to help take care of us – including fathers! Today we are going to make a special gift for our fathers or for your grandfather! Let’s get started!**

*If available get dolls that represent each member of the family you will sing about below before class.

First let's sing a song about Jesus and our families:

(Use dolls to show children as you go through each family member)

With Jesus in the Family

With Daddy in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.

With Daddy in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home!

With Mommy in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.

With Mommy in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home!

With Brother in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.

With Brother in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home!

With Sister in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.

With Sister in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home!

With Baby in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.

With Baby in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home!

With Jesus in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.

With Jesus in the family, happy, happy home.

Happy, happy home!

My Dad (Action Rhyme)

I have a Daddy who is big, tall and strong
(Measure how tall, throw shoulders back and flex arms)

Who helps me the whole day long.
(Make motions of things Daddy does)

He knows many things that are fun;
(Imitate Daddy playing with child)

He reads God's Word to me when day is done.

(Use hands to make the Bible)

I'd like to bow my head and pray:

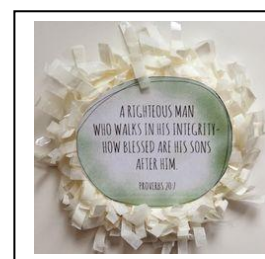
(Bow head and fold hands)

God bless my Daddy every day!

2) Father's Day Scripture Wall Art

15-20 minutes

Before class cut out the Father's Day Wall Art pieces –one per child. There are 8 on a page. Have tissue paper and string cut out beforehand as well. Also gather crayons, glue sticks and tape.



At class hand out one template to each child with crayons and let them color. Read the proverb aloud to the children.

While they color say:

Today we will give this gift to our Fathers or Grandfathers for Father's Day. Today is the day we celebrate our Dads and Grandpas! This is going to hang on the wall so your dad or grandpa can see it every day. It will remind him that being right with God will not only bless him but all of his children too – including you!

Let's think of all that our fathers and grandfathers do for us while we color. As well, listen as I read the proverb that you are coloring again. (Read again)

After children color the paper have them flip the paper over so the back is facing them, then hand out tissue paper and have them lay the tissue paper half way over the paper and half on the paper so that the tissue paper sticks out. Layer the tissue paper pieces so that they stick out and continue to place them around the oval shape as shown in the picture above. Once they have done a section, have them glue the tissue paper to the back of the picture and then if able, help them place a piece of tape over a large section of tissue paper so that it will stick to the picture. Continue working around the oval shape until all the tissue paper is placed around the oval as shown above.

Next, take a string and use it to make a hook for the wall art to hang from. Tape it in place and make sure the string is hanging at the top of the picture when flipped over.

When done, have students carefully hold up their pictures to show each other their nice wall art to give to their dads/grandpas.

Ask students:

Raise your hand and sit quietly if you can name some ways we can show love to our dads and grandpas today and every day? (Let students raise hands and then answer)

When you hug them and tell them that you love them that's showing love. You can also appreciate your dad/grandpa by thanking him when he does nice things for you (playing with you, cleaning the house and your clothes, making supper, helping you, etc.)

Who is this gift for? Let students answer – father, grandfather

Who made our families? God!

God made our moms, our dads, our brothers, sisters and us. God is great for making your family and blessing you! Jesus helps others and He helps us too by giving us families that love us and care for us.

Ask students to help you clean up before going onto the next activity.

3) Optional – Father Says – Action Game

5 minutes

Line the students up in a row so that they can all see you and have enough space to move their hands and feet without hitting anyone beside them.

Say to the students: **We are going to play a game about listening to our fathers. I want you to follow and do what I say.** When I say, **“Father says”, I want you to do what he says, ok?”** The idea is you ask the students to do different things that would show honor and kindness to their father.

Ready? Everyone quiet and listen.....good job...

Here are some ideas to get started, you can add your own as well.

- Father says clean your room (pretend to clean)
- Father says go to bed (lay down and pretend to fall asleep)
- Father says do your homework (pretend to do homework)
- Father says help your mother (act like they are helping mom with something)
- Father says stand up straight (practice good posture)
- Father says eat your supper before desert (pretend to eat)
- Father says brush your teeth (pretend to brush teeth)
- Father says give a hug (pretend to hug)
- Father says say thank you (say thank you)
- Father says say I love you (say I love you)

Thank class for playing and then have them sit at the table for the next activity.

4) All About Dads/Grandpas Father's Day Card 10-15 minutes

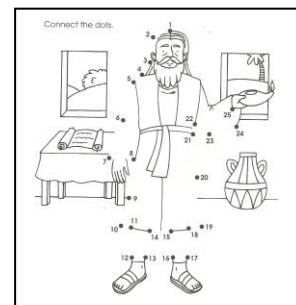
Before class print and fold cards. Make sure there is "grandpa" cards for any child who may attend who does not have a dad to make a card for.

During class hand out one card to each child, let them draw a nice picture on the front of the page and ask if they need or want help writing "Happy Father's Day" on the front. When they open the inside, they will have some statements that if it applies to them, they can circle yes (hopefully they will circle all of the statements yes 😊) Read through the statements and help them circle the word yes. For example: My dad is special to me Yes Next, ask them to draw a nice picture of them and their dad or grandpa spending time with each other. When done, ask children to write their names somewhere on the card.

Ask children to help you clean up before moving onto the next activity.

5) Optional: Connect the Dots Activity Sheet 10 minutes

Hand out one sheet per child with crayons. Read the directions and help children find the number one, let them follow the numbers all the way to 25, helping them if needed. Once done allow them to color if time.



6) Optional: Read Story, "I'm Glad I'm Your Dad" 10 minutes

If available read the story. This is to help them understand that God made fathers and our fathers are happy when we obey and do nice things for them – like showing love and giving them gifts as we are today!

7) Optional: God and Families 5-10 minutes

Pass around dolls, books about families or dads and other things that will help children remember that they learned about the fact that God made and gave us fathers.

Say, **"The Bible tells us that God made and gave us fathers. As we play with these books and dolls let's remember that God made our families and that includes our**

dads or uncles, or grandpas! We are very special because we have been blessed with grandfathers, fathers, and family that care for us.

We need to remember to thank God for all the good things He has made for us, because God is great! Let students play with the dolls and books and then clean up.

8) Sing

Choose songs from the Songs section

9) Optional - Snack Your Choice

5 minutes

Hand out a snack of your choosing along with a glass of water or juice to each child. Say: **“You’ve all done a great job this morning learning that Jesus helps us by giving us our fathers and grandfathers and that we are to love them. Now let’s all enjoy a treat while we think about the nice things we have made for our fathers or grandfathers today.”** Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands. Discuss questions while snacking!

After snack have kids clean up. Then move on to the remaining activities.

10) Close in prayer

Thank God that He created the world and that as we learned today, God created fathers and grandfathers too. Thank God as well that he made our families like our moms, dads and grandparents, but even better, when we follow God we have an even bigger family that God made for us – the church! Thank You God that we have so many people in our lives that care for us especially You and Jesus. Thank You that You love us and made them all to be in our lives!

In Jesus name, Amen.