

## WEEK #4 (6-20-21) FATHER'S DAY FAMILY LESSON

### Key Words: FATHER'S LOVE

Memory Verse : "As the Father has loved me, so I (Jesus) have loved you. Now remain in My love." John 15:9

Scripture: Romans 8:14-17 "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship (daughtership). And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ Jesus. Indeed, we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory."

Application/Message What is an HEIR? It's the person who inherits something from someone when they die. What's cool about the Romans 8: 14-17, is that WE are all HEIRS to the love and FORGIVENESS of Jesus. All we have to do is choose to let God "adopt us" by asking God to FORGIVE us and asking Jesus into our hearts. Then we get to call God "Abba", or Father, just like Jesus does. (*When I was a toddler and just learning to say prayers, the first prayer I learned was "Abba, amen, meaning "Father, amen.)* Just like human love makes us children of our earthly fathers or father figures in our lives, so our Father God's heavenly love makes us His kids, and Jesus' brother or sister.

We are made in the image of God our creator. God has designed humans to love and model true, sacrificial love to us in so many ways. We don't deserve this love, but he blesses us anyway. One way God shows this love is in the Bible through Scripture and stories. Another is through Jesus, our Savior, who taught us how to love God and others through our words and actions. Today is Father's Day, a day we celebrate the love of Fathers and other male people that are in our lives. Don't forget that God and Jesus like to hear and see our love expressed to them too. We can be assured that, just as our earthly fathers want what is best for us, God does too, and loves us even more than our earthly dads. If we don't know our own dads well, we can take heart in the assurance that God perfectly loves us and desires our love. He makes no mistakes, and He will never abandon us or forsake us. He counts us as His most precious and beloved creation, and will grant us what we need. He's already fulfilled that promise by giving salvation through Jesus. And He will continue to be with us always. May we use this verse from **1 John 4:19** "**..we love because God first loved us.**" to encourage and thank the men in our lives that pour time and attention into us to mold us into better people.

Also, watch " Douglas Talk" on Father's Day at <https://youtu.be/hObQFipGtWU>

Hands on Activities: (Note: Encourage students to make items for any male "father" role model involved in their lives)

**Father's Day Crafts** teaching at <https://youtu.be/vo7cfyjStdY>

- **Cards for Dad** - Happy Father's Day! While cards may not be as flowery or fancy as those we create for Mother's Day, there are a lot of fun items that lend themselves to dear old dad. There are definitely abundant options when it comes to more "masculine" elements: tools, camping,

golf, neck ties, cars... here are a few possible suggestions to consider when coming up with fun and simple crafts for fathers. Add personal and creative flair as it suits you, and have fun creating trinkets and presents for dads!

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- **Create a \*Dad's Toolbox envelope and fill it with "tools" he might use. Write on the "tools" what he does that makes him special to you.**



**PRAYER: (Pray JOHN 3:16)**

"GOD" -the greatest one who loves  
"SO LOVED" - the greatest amount  
"THE WORLD" - the greatest number  
"THAT HE GAVE" - the greatest act  
"HIS ONLY SON" - the greatest gift  
"THAT EVERYONE" - the greatest invitation  
"BELIEVES" - the greatest simplicity  
"IN HIM" - the greatest person  
"SHOULD NOT PERISH" - the greatest deliverance  
"BUT" - the greatest difference  
"HAVE" - the greatest certainty  
"ETERNAL LIFE" - the greatest possession

**Songs:**

- **CLAPPING SONG: "I HAVE A VERY SPECIAL FRIEND AND DADDY IS HIS NAME -O"** (to the tune of B-I-N-G-O) <https://youtu.be/U-Wo-nbsvlk>
- **MOTION SONG ; "Father Abraham"** at <https://youtu.be/ASXowiv3FAc> (with motions and lyrics)  
(REPEATED VERSE) *"Father Abraham had many sons/Many sons had Father Abraham/I am one of them, and so are you/So let's all praise the Lord!"*

(Add a these motions, one at a time, after each repeated verse above:)

**RIGHT ARM... LEFT ARM...RIGHT FOOT...LEFT FOOT... NOD YOUR HEAD... TURN AROUND... JUMP UP AND DOWN** (learn the inset of more fun lyrics at the end)

- **SPECIAL VIDEO for Father's Day "I see a hero"** at <https://youtu.be/hM4gOIs0R48>

### **Optional Activities**

**GAME #1: "Father, May I?"** This game is a retake of an old favorite, "Mother, May I?" Kids line up on one side of the room while the "father" stands on the other. The "father" gives instructions to each individual, leading them across the finish line, slowly. Before the child can step (crab walk, bunny hop or skip) forward, he must say, "Father, May I?" If he doesn't, he goes all the way back to the finish line. The child that crosses the line first is the winner and becomes the new "father."

**GAME #2: "Find Dad's Tie!"** Hide a tie. (A construction paper tie works well, too.) Let kids search for the tie. Whoever finds the tie becomes the new "Dad" and gets to hide the tie. You can play this game over and over again.

**GAME #3: "Father's Day Word Scramble"** Print the words "Father's Day" at the top of a piece of page. Set a timer for 1 minute and tell kids to make as many words as they can with the phrase. Whoever has the most words wins a special prize. If you have a chalk or white board, let kids write the words on the board.

**GAME #4 "Pin the Tie on Daddy"** You need a piece of construction paper (or you could use a paper grocery bag cut open), scissors, pens/markers, tape, and a blindfold. Draw a large "Daddy" figure on the paper and cut him out with scissors. Hang the cut out on the wall at a comfortable position for kids. Cut out construction paper ties. Place the ties with tape on them at a nearby table. One at a time, blindfold each child and hand him a pin and a tie. The goal is to see who gets the paper tie in the right place. The kid that places the tie the closest to where it belongs is the winner.

**REMEMBER:** You are made in God's image. Here are some promises of our Heavenly Father that you can claim and share from His WORD - (scripture). I AM... A child of God. Saved by Grace. Redeemed from the hand of the enemy. An heir of eternal life. Forgiven. Led by the Spirit of God. A new creation. Redeemed from the curse of the law. Kept in safety wherever I go. Strong in the Lord and His mighty power. Living by faith not by sight. Rescued from the dominion of darkness. Justified. An heir of God and co-heir with Christ. Blessed with every spiritual blessing. An overcomer. The light of the world. An imitator of God. Healed by His wounds. Being transformed by the renewing of my mind. Heir to the blessing of Abraham. His workmanship. More than a conqueror. Fearfully and wonderfully made.



His name is \_\_\_\_\_!

\* My favorite memory of my dad is:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\* This is what he ALWAYS says:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\* Here is his favorite thing to eat  
(draw a picture!) 

\_\_\_\_\_

\* My dad's pockets are full of:  
\_\_\_\_\_



\* My dad is \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

\* He is so good at:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\* When he comes home from work, he likes to:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\* This makes my dad Laugh:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# My Grandpa



By: \_\_\_\_\_

My Grandpa is \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

His job is \_\_\_\_\_.

He loves to eat \_\_\_\_\_.

He is really good at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

He is happy when \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

He always says \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

I love my Grandpa because \_\_\_\_\_

I  Grandpa!