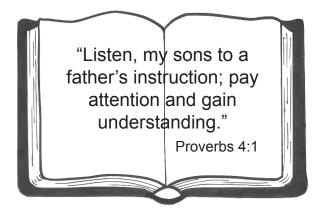
# FATHER'S DAY Celebration

God's Plan for Fathers--- to be Honored.





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### "Teachable Moments"

- This lesson would probably be most effective for the child's learning and the father's encouragement if the mother would take the lead in discussing these truths, doing the activities and learning to sing the songs. Activities:
  - #1 TRUTH SEARCH
    Questions about DAD
  - #2 I am my Heavenly Father's\_\_\_\_ (coloring)
    Me and My Dad
  - #3 Something Special
- Coloring Activity: Remember, coloring time with the child can also be a chance to ask questions or continue discussion.
- Writing a Letter: Help your child, as needed, in writing the letter to their father. Once again, help your child formulate their thoughts and feelings with questions and discussion. With wee little ones, you might do the writing as they dictate.
- Think 'n' Write Activities: . This is a great time to ask: WHY is your father so important to you? How can you be a helper? The TRUTH SEARCH can also provoke thinking about the meaning of some of the key words in each scripture passage.
- **\*** Enjoy singing together:

My Dad

Honor Your Mother and Father

Memory Verse and Prayer Time

(Permission granted to make extra copies of coloring or game pages for other children in the family as needed.)

## Simple Truths



Everyone has a father.

### Why do I need a father?

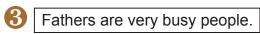
- --God created fathers to teach their children.
- --Fathers are to care & protect their children.
- --Remember: It was God's idea to give Jesus a father to help him grow on this earth.
- --You also need help growing up, being loved and taught and protected.



Fathers are very special to GOD.

### What is GOD'S plan for Fathers?

- --to be leaders of their family
- --to be honored
- --to be respected
- --to be loved and obeyed by their children



Relationships create responsibilities:

- --in the home
- --in the extended family
- --in the community & nation
- --in the church

### How can I be a helper?



I should obey my father.

### Why should I obey my father?

- --God commands it.
- -- It pleases GOD.

"Children obey your parents in everything for this pleases the Lord." Colossians 3:20

- --For a long and happy life "Children, obey your
- --It is the right thing to do. parents in the Lord for this is right. Honor your

father and mother--which is the first commandment with a promise--that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Ephesians 6:1-3



# TRUTH SEARCH P 3 G 1 O

#### **DOWN**

1 COD first gave this written command in the

| ' | Testament of the Bible.  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| 2 | If you obey, you will GOD. (Children obey your parentsthis pleases the Lord." Colossians 3:20)         |  |  |
|   | ACROSS   |  |  |
| 1 | GOD tells you to your father. ("Children obey your parents" Colossians 3:20)                           |  |  |
| 2 | This first commandment came with a  ("which is the first commandment with a promise"  Ephesians 6:1-3) |  |  |
| 3 | Jesus reminds you to honor your father in the  |  |  |

("Honor your father and mother. . . . " Matt. 15:4 and Mark

7:10)

# ? ? Questions about DAD ?

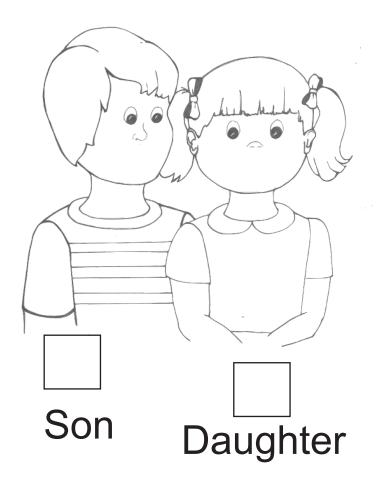
Sit down with your father and discover these things that are special about him. Some may be funny...some may be serious. Have FUN!

| 1. | Vhat is your favorite color?                        |  |  |
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| 2. | Do you have a hobby? YES NO                         |  |  |
| 3. | Are you a Christian? YES NO (Explain when and how.) |  |  |
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| 4. | What is your favorite Bible verse?                  |  |  |
| 5. | What is your favorite book of the Bible?            |  |  |
| 6. | What is your favorite sport?                        |  |  |
| 7. | Tell me how you met my mother                       |  |  |

Mom: If the little children need help with the writing, you can help them, but try to let them ask Dad the questions.

# I am my Heavenly Father's

(Check the box and color the picture of who you are---SON or DAUGHTER. Be sure to finish the facial expression.)





What is your name?

# Me and My Dad

Put a favorite photo in this box.

| What is your Dad's name? |  |
|--------------------------|--|

# **Something Special**

Begin this letter by telling your father how special he is to you. Dads also like to hear those special words: "I Love You".

Ask for ideas from your Mother of how you could be a helper for your Father and write the description on the space provided in the letter below. Put the letter in an envelop and give it to your father.

| ••• Something Speci-<br>My FATHER | al for · · · |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Dear Father,                      |              |
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| Please let me be your helper by   |              |
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|                                   |              |
| My Name                           | <br>Date     |



Prayer Time

Thank you dear Father in heaven for the father you have given to me. Help me to love and obey him so I

will be pleasing to you. Amen