

20th June 2021 – Father's Day

Hi #selfiewithGod group!

We hope you are all keeping well. In today's session we will be reflecting on the idea of God being our Heavenly Father. Today we are thinking about Father's Day, which also means that you are going to be thinking about all the males in your lives who are good role models and help you. This is a day when we say thank you for the things they do and the way they help us.

Father's Day Quiz

Have a go at the quiz questions below:

1. What week of the month of June is Father's Day celebrated each year in the UK?
2. What is the name of Simba's dad in The Lion King?
3. Which famous father is Dad to children Brooklyn, Romeo, Cruz and Harper?
4. What is the name of the film in which the lead dad character journeys to 42 Wallaby Way, Sydney to find his son?
5. Who is the Father of Prince William and Prince Harry?
6. What is the name of Bart Simpson's Dad?
7. In which language does "le pere" mean Father?
8. Who sings the worship song "Good Good Father"?
9. Who is Luke Skywalker's Father in Star Wars?
10. Which Father in the Bible had 3 sons named Shem, Ham, and Japheth?

Answers to all of the questions can be found on the last page.

Perfect Dad

On the next page, draw an outline of a person in the box. When you have done this, fill in the face and put some clothes on your figure/man. As you do this, start thinking what qualities a 'perfect dad' would have.

Write these qualities around the outside of your figure.

Whilst there are many qualities that we would like our 'perfect dad' to possess this is not realistic. Most of the time they will only possess some of these qualities. They are only human. However, our Heavenly Father is perfect. He is always there for us and always gets it right. He loves us no matter what we do. He is the perfect Dad.

Shrek: Becoming a Dad

Watch the following clip from 'Shrek The Third', which shows Shrek having a nightmare about becoming a Dad for the first time:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVTxvLaac6A>

If you can't access YouTube but have the DVD or if the film is available to you via streaming services (e.g. Netflix/Amazon Prime etc.) the clip start time is 21:03 & the end time is 23:26.

Question: Why do you think Shrek was so nervous about becoming a Dad that he had nightmares about it?

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Question: In your opinion, what makes a good Dad?

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Question: Out of all those things, which do you think is the most important?

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Question: Do you think Shrek would make a good Dad and why?

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God Our Heavenly Father

There is a list of 8 Bible verses and 8 qualities of God in the table below. You need to look up the Bible verses and decide what quality those verses tell us about God. Once you have done this, draw a line to match the verse with the correct quality (the answers are at the end of the material if you want to check your answers).

Bible verses	Qualities
1 Corinthians 8:6	Comforter
Matthew 7:11	Creator
Hebrews 12:6	Discipliner
1 John 4:8-10	Faithful
Romans 11:33a	Father
Galatians 4:6	Love
2 Timothy 2:13	Provider
2 Corinthians 1:3-4	Wise

On Father's Day we are thankful and thank our dads and the other men we know like uncles, granddads and family friends for being a part of our lives and helping and guiding us. It can also be a time when we particularly remember our Heavenly Father who never lets us down and never abandons us but who loves us no matter what we do.

Good Good Father

Listen to the worship song “Good Good Father”:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ak0OoFBw3c>. If you are unable to listen to the song, read through the lyrics below.

*Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone*

*You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am*

*Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word*

*You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am*

*Because You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us
You are perfect in all of Your ways
Oh, You're perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us*

*Oh, it's love so undeniable
I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love*

You're a good, good Father

*It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am
You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am
You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am
(You're a good, good Father)
You are perfect in all of Your ways (it's who You are, it's who You are, it's who
You are)
(And I'm loved by You)
You are perfect in all of Your ways (it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am)*

This beautiful worship song “Good Good Father” has such incredible lyrics. The simplicity of the praise to our Heavenly Father makes it all the more powerful and touching.

The chorus simply praises God as being good because it is His nature and reminds us all that we are so loved by Him!

The Bible's promises that God will never leave us and that God is the answer are prominent in the lyrics, too. The song opens by saying, "I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like" but continues with the truth that often comes to us when we take time to be still and listen to Him. That even in the dead of night, a tender whisper reminds us that He is pleased in us, and that we are never alone!

It continues reminding us how undeniable His love is for us and that everything we are searching for in this life can be answered when we seek Him!

Part of the beauty of this song is in the sheer, unspeakable and awe over how He loves us so much. How humbling is it that our Maker is so perfect and good and that He loves us so much?

My Father in Heaven Prayer

Find somewhere to sit in a room by yourself. Spend some time thinking about the session, your dads, other male role models in your lives and lastly your Heavenly Father.

We are going to finish off this session with a prayer. Start your prayer with 'My Father in Heaven...' and then talk to God about what you are thankful for, what you have learnt today.

Answers to Father's Day Quiz

1. What week of the month of June is Father's Day celebrated each year in the UK? **Father's Day is celebrated on the third Sunday of June**
2. What is the name of Simba's dad in The Lion King? **Mufasa**
3. Which famous father is Dad to children Brooklyn, Romeo, Cruz and Harper? **David Beckham**
4. What is the name of the film in which the lead dad character journeys to 42 Wallaby Way, Sydney to find his son? **Finding Nemo**
5. Who is the Father of Prince William and Prince Harry? **Charles, Prince of Wales**
6. What is the name of Bart Simpson's Dad? **Homer Simpson**
7. In which language does "le pere" mean Father? **French**
8. Who sings the worship song "Good Good Father"? **Chris Tomlin**
9. Who is Luke Skywalker's Father in Star Wars? **Darth Vader**
10. Which Father in the Bible had sons named Shem, Ham, and Japheth?
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God Our Heavenly Father matching answers

The answers are as follows; however, you may have good reasons if yours are different:

- Creator – 1 Corinthians 8:6
- Provider – Matthew 7:11
- Discipliner – Hebrews 12:6
- Love – 1 John 4:8-10
- Wise – Romans 11:33a
- Father – Galatians 4:6
- Faithful – 2 Timothy 2:13
- Comforter – 2 Corinthians 1:3-4