

Honor Your Father

OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

Dry erase board
Dry erase markers
An eraser

I want to ask you all a question. What are some things that we do that drive our dads crazy? Can you give me some examples?

Write down the answers you hear. Get some serious ones, like breaking things in the house, and some funny ones, like teasing dad about his favorite sports team.

We all do things that drive Dad crazy, don't we? We break things. We cause damage that costs dad money. We order food in restaurants that we don't eat. We mess up his favorite things in his man cave. And we tease him when his favorite team loses.

But you know what's great about Dads? Dads don't make lists like this. You won't find Dad's list of things that have made him mad lying around the house anywhere. A good dad knows that kids make mistakes because Dad makes them all the time himself. And when we admit our faults...

Erase the board.

Dad forgives and forgets.

Dads are there to guide us and teach us. They are there to help us learn to love God and our neighbors. But Dads have another important function: they remind us how much God loves us and how completely he forgives us. When we ask God's forgiveness, he wipes away our sins and he makes us like new.

If you are celebrating Father's Day with a great father figure, thank him for his forgiveness. But even if you're not, remember that you have a Heavenly Father who loves you unconditionally and will always forgive you – no matter what!