

Welcome to a Year of Celebration!

Week 25: June 19-25, 2022

Celebrate Father's Day

This year, we are focusing on who God is and how we can celebrate him and the life that he offers to us. We will draw deeper into a relationship with the Lord through examining his nature and desire for personal intimacy with us as his people, and we are going to do so in such a fun way! We are going to journey in 2022 through practical ways to celebrate various holidays! We will look at many of your favorite celebrations: Christmas, Easter, Valentine's Day and much more. We will explore the historic, liturgical holidays of the year, learn about the Jewish festivals of the Bible days, and even consider some of the celebrations of other religious faiths. I'm so glad you will be on this journey with us.

In this packet, you will find some ideas for you to grow closer to God, your family, and others. Nothing is required. It is all for fun and your personal enjoyment and growth. There are enough activities that you could do one or two per day during the week if you want. If you don't want to do something, skip it. If another idea comes to mind, do it. Watch for God's abundant goodness and celebrate it.

Come Join Us as We
CELEBRATE GOD!



**“They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.”**

Dr. Patrick Wilson

(Psalm 145:7)

2022

Video Devotional

Go to Patrick Wilson's YouTube page and watch the video devotional for this week: Celebrate Father's Day. Then, consider and discuss with your family/friends the following questions:

- What do you admire most about your earthly father?
- How does it make you feel to see God as the ideal Father?
- Do you see God as Father to just believers or all people?
- Since God is our Father, how does this impact how we treat others who are God's children, too?
- What good gifts have you received from God?
- How can you express your gratitude to your Father this week?

Craft: Hero Sandwich Card

1. Print patterns for bun, cheese, lettuce, and meat at this site: https://www.michaels.com/on/demandware.static/-/Sites-siteCatalog_michaels_US/default/v1bd3db39202702cd68dd74a2ed4f6ac19520794f/80983%20Kids%20Club%20Father's%20Day%20Hero%20Card.pdf? .
2. Trace the bun on brown paper, the cheese on yellow paper, the lettuce on green paper, and the meat on red paper. Cut out and fold as indicated.
3. Assemble and glue the sandwich to leave the front open.
4. Write "You are my Hero!" on the top bun and personal admirations on each inside layer of the sandwich.

Needed Supplies:

- Markers
- Construction Paper (brown, yellow, green, and red)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Glue



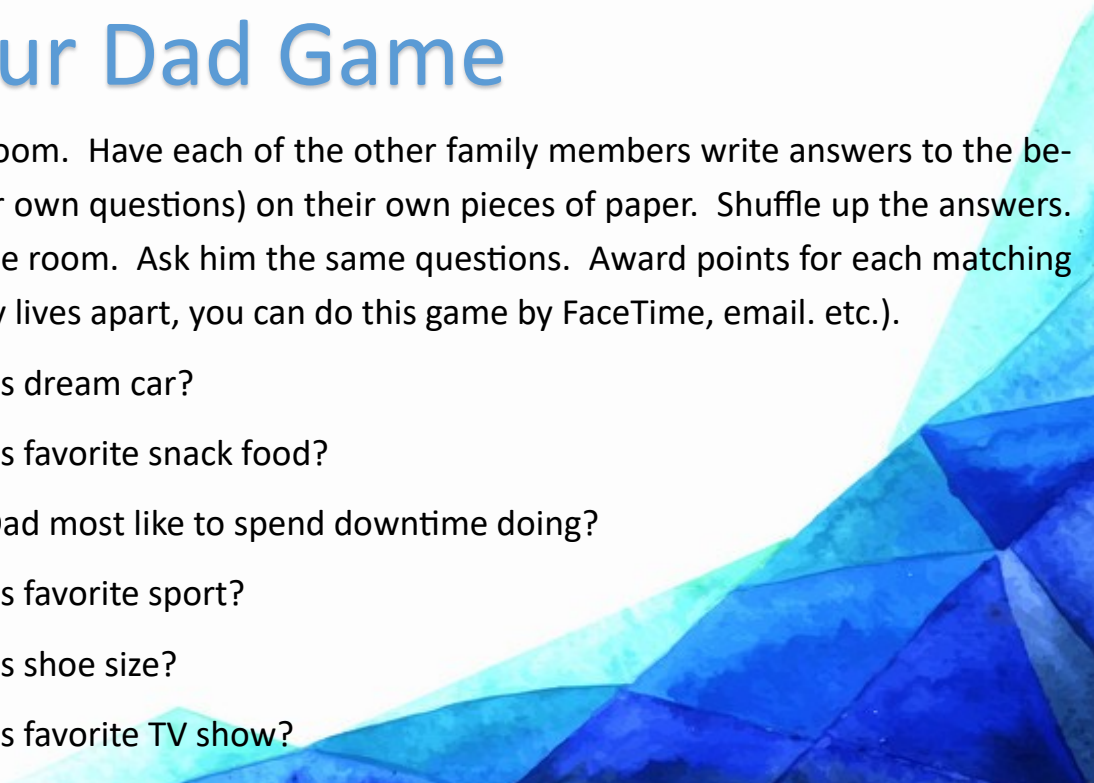
Foods to Prepare

It is stereotypical to say, but many men are steak and potato guys. Here are some helpful hints to pan sear a steak:

- Pick out a steak that is between 1 and 1.5 inches thick.
 - Pat the steak dry with a paper towel.
 - Season generously with salt and pepper.
 - Use a cast-iron or stainless steel pan.
 - Preheat the stove to medium heat and let it get very hot.
 - Add oil to cover the bottom of the pan. Let it sit until it shimmers and moves fluidly in the pan.
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- Place the steak in the pan. It should sizzle. Avoid the temptation to flip it often.
 - After about 3 minutes (when the bottom is a deep-brown color) turn the steak once.
 - Cook for 3-4 minutes on the bottom side. Avoid flipping it over and over.
 - During the last minute, add a tablespoon of butter and any extra spices you want.
 - Remove the steak. Let it rest for 5 to 10 minutes before cutting and serving. Enjoy!

Know Your Dad Game

Send Dad out of the room. Have each of the other family members write answers to the below questions (or your own questions) on their own pieces of paper. Shuffle up the answers. Bring Dad back into the room. Ask him the same questions. Award points for each matching answer. (If your family lives apart, you can do this game by FaceTime, email. etc.).

- What is Dad's dream car?
 - What is Dad's favorite snack food?
 - What does Dad most like to spend downtime doing?
 - What is Dad's favorite sport?
 - What is Dad's shoe size?
 - What is Dad's favorite TV show?
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Movies to Watch

If you are movie fan, pick out a favorite movie to watch alone or with family/friends. These movies focus on fatherhood. Watch one and discuss as a family how God is described in the movie, and whether you agree with these depictions or not. If you'd rather, just pick another great movie to watch together. Pop some popcorn, curl up on the couch, and enjoy the show!

TV Dad Quiz

Take a quiz together online that asks you to match the famous TV dad with the show he was on. Here is a sample quiz:

<https://www.metv.com/quiz/can-you-match-the-classic-tv-dad-with-his-sitcom>

See who can get the most matches. Then, pick out an old sitcom from the quiz. See if you can find the show on TV or a subscription service you have. If so, watch a few episodes together. If not, see if you can find snippets of episodes to watch on YouTube.

As a family discuss what these episodes depict about fatherhood. Enjoy the time together.

Fatherhood Movies:

- The Pursuit of Happiness
- Onward
- Fences
- Big Daddy
- Father of the Bride
- Mrs. Doubtfire
- Daddy Day Care
- The Game Plan
- Three Men and a Baby
- Finding Nemo
- Definitely, Maybe
- Parenthood
- Taken
- The Godfather
- Mr. Mom
- Kramer vs. Kramer
- We Bought a Zoo
- Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade
- Catch Me if You Can
- Field of Dreams



Bible Study

“As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him” (Psalm 103:13).

In this verse and many others like it, God is compared to the ideal Father. Consider the aspects that make a great dad. Regardless of whether you experienced these character qualities in your earthly father, your heavenly Father is the perfect Father. He loves you unconditionally, is always accessible to you, provides selfless direction and guidance, and genuinely wants what is best.

The word in this passage that is specifically attributed to God as our Father is “compassion.” In Hebrew, the word is “raham,” which refers to having a deep affection that leads to mercy. In English the word, “compassion,” is a compound word of com, which means with, and the word, passion. So, we might say that compassion is being filled with “passion” for others. God is filled with passion for you, has deep affection for you and your welfare, and is quick to extend mercy and grace to you as his child.

When the passage speaks of “fearing” God, it is not meaning that we are to be afraid of God and cower before him; children do not cower before a loving father. Rather, we are to have a reverent awe of God because we understand that he knows far more than we do and his guidance for our lives is for our good. We worship him and seek to live like him because we know that he has compassion for us as his children. He is a good, good Father.

Prayer Time

If you are a father, spend part of your prayer time today asking God to help you in the specific dynamics of your family. If you know your father, take time to reflect on things you learned from your father’s example (good or bad). Thank God for these lessons.

Then, spend time meditating on God as the ideal Father in your life. Take time to journal your reflections about God, his nature, and the way that he relates to you. Think about how you can imitate these attributes in your own life today. Consider how you can demonstrate your devotion to your Dad this week.



Service: Fun with Dad

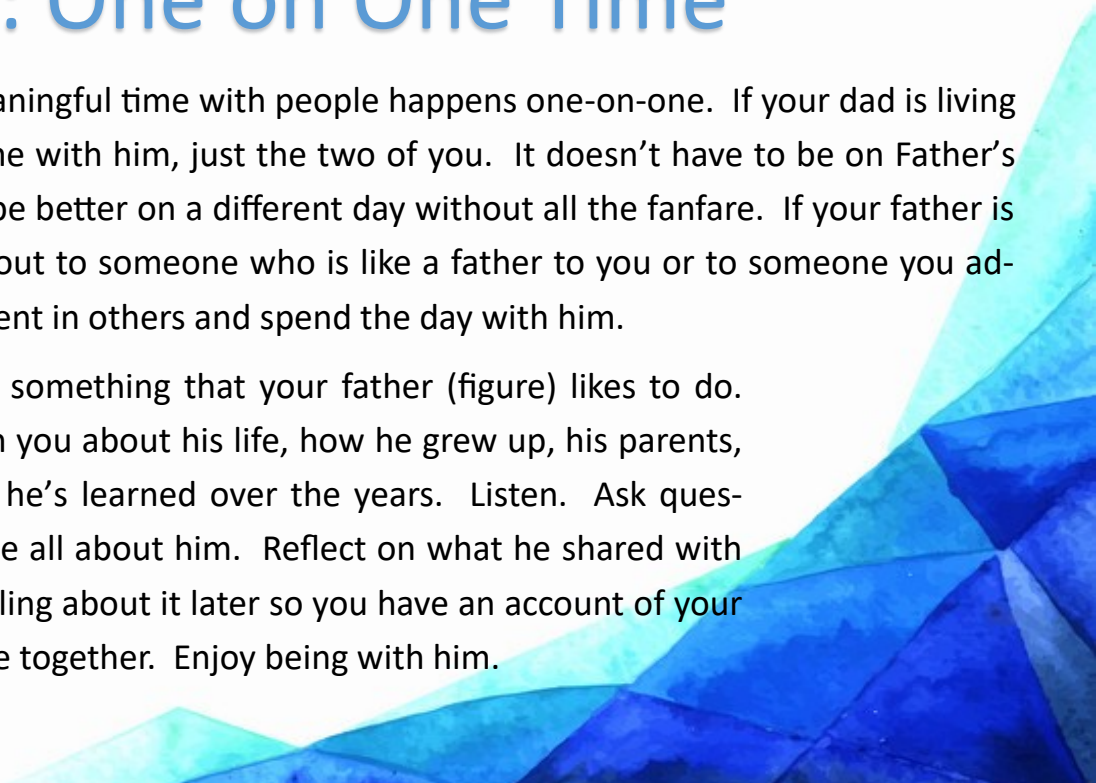
Here is a list of some ideas of things you could do with dad. Certainly, there are many other options. Find something that would be fun to do.

- Have an Indoor Picnic
- Fly a Kite
- Dinner Fondue
- Go Bird Watching
- Serve Breakfast in Bed
- Tackle a Task Together
- Grill in the Backyard
- Have an Outdoor Movie Night
- Complete a Puzzle
- Make an Scavenger Hunt
- Watch a Virtual Concert
- Build Legos Together
- Plant a Garden
- Make Ice Cream
- Have a Pizza Party
- Make a Time Capsule
- Have a Bingo Tournament
- Make Paper Airplanes
- Go Fishing
- Listen to Old Records
- Play Old Video Games
- Gaze at the Stars
- Go to an Escape Room
- Put on a Play
- Go Bowling
- Play Mini-Golf

Connect: One on One Time

Some of the most meaningful time with people happens one-on-one. If your dad is living and nearby, spend time with him, just the two of you. It doesn't have to be on Father's Day, and it may even be better on a different day without all the fanfare. If your father is not accessible, reach out to someone who is like a father to you or to someone you admire for their investment in others and spend the day with him.

Spend the day doing something that your father (figure) likes to do. Ask him to share with you about his life, how he grew up, his parents, and the lessons that he's learned over the years. Listen. Ask questions. Let this time be all about him. Reflect on what he shared with you. Consider journaling about it later so you have an account of your conversation and time together. Enjoy being with him.



Worship

Carve out some time to listen to worship music, hum or sing along. Here are some great songs to get you started. These songs focus on God as our Father. Look them up on YouTube if you don't have them in your music repertoire.

Pick your own songs and spend time worshipping and celebrating who God is to you and all the ways that he has blessed your life.

God as Father Worship Songs:

- The Father's House
- Good Good Father
- How Deep the Father's Love for Us
- He Knows My Name
- The Lord's Prayer
- Heart of the Father
- No Longer Slaves
- Children of God
- Hello, My Name Is
- God of Wonders
- This is My Father's World
- The Father's Song

Challenge: Tell/Yell "I Love You, Dad."

Among other things, late night show host and comedian, Jimmy Kimmel, is known for his annual Father's Day challenges. Back in 2017, he encouraged people to sneak up on their fathers and yell "I love you, Dad." You can watch the humorous highlights of these family moments here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOJIFedKA10>

Go out of your way this year to make sure your dad knows he is loved one way or another. You don't have to yell to get your point across.

"It is a wise father that knows his own child."
—William Shakespeare