

6-21-26 Summer at Freedom - A Good Father Kids Study Guide

God is the best Father ever — and good dads show us what He's like!

OVERVIEW

God gave us dads (and grandpas, uncles, and other special people) to love us, take care of us, and show us what God is like! A good dad does 5 important things because he loves his kids. Today we will learn what those things are — and the secret that helps dads be the best dads they can be: **they love God like a good son!** When dads know God loves them, they can love their kids even better.

BIG IDEAS (The 5 Things Good Dads Do)

1. LOVE — Love is the starting engine!

Everything good a dad does starts with love. When a dad fixes your bike, plays catch, or gives a hug — it's because he loves you! Love turns chores into happy moments. **Key Truth:** When dads do things with love, it feels like a warm hug instead of a job.

2. PROTECTION — Dads are like superheroes or shields!

Good dads stand between their kids and scary or bad things. They keep us safe, just like a strong shield. They help us when we're afraid and make sure nothing hurts us. Protection is love in action!

3. PROVISION — Dads make sure we have what we need

Dads work hard so we have food to eat, clothes to wear, and a safe home. But they also give us hugs, kind words, and teach us about Jesus. God promises to give us everything we really need — and good dads try to do the same!

4. TIME — Time together is a super special gift!

Most kids would rather play with their dad than get a new toy. Dads who spend time throwing a ball, reading a book, talking, or just hanging out are giving the best gift! What you spend time on shows what you love the most.

5. INSTRUCTION — Dads teach us important things for life

Good dads don't just teach us how to ride a bike or throw a ball — they teach us how to pray when we're scared, how to be kind, how to tell the truth, and how to love Jesus. The best teaching happens when dads show us by how they live every day.

THE BIG SECRET: The very best dads know they are loved by God the Father. When a dad remembers that God is his perfect Father, he becomes an even better dad! Good dads reflect God's love to their kids.

FUN QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What is one way your dad (or grandpa, uncle, or someone special) shows he loves you? How does it make you feel?
2. Have you ever been scared or sad and your dad (or a dad-like person) helped you feel safe and better? What did they do?
3. If you could pick ANYTHING to do with your dad or a special grown-up for one whole hour, what would you choose?
4. What is something important or fun that your dad (or someone like a dad) has taught you? (Maybe how to pray, be brave, or fix something)
5. Did you know God is the BEST Father in the whole world? He never makes mistakes and always loves you perfectly. How does that make you feel happy or safe?

THINGS YOU CAN DO THIS WEEK

- **Draw & Thank:** Draw a picture of you and your dad (or a special person) doing something fun together. On the back, write or draw: “Thank you for loving me!”
- **Give a Love Gift:** Tell your dad (or dad-figure) one thing you really love about him, then give him a big hug or high-five!
- **Learn Something New:** Ask your dad or a grown-up to teach you something this week — maybe a Bible verse, how to throw a ball, cook something simple, or fix a toy.
- **Pray Together:** Ask your dad or family to pray with you: “Dear God, thank You for being our good Father in heaven. Thank You for giving us dads and people who love us. Help us love each other like You love us. Amen!”
- **Be a Helper:** Do something kind for your dad or mom without being asked (pick up toys, help set the table, give a compliment). This shows love in action!
- **Remember God’s Love:** Every night before bed, say out loud: “I am loved by God my Father, and He helps me love others too.”

FUN GROUP OR FAMILY TALK IDEAS

- **Superhero Shield Game:** Kids pretend to be strong dads protecting their family from “bad guys” (use soft pillows or toys). After playing, talk about how real dads protect us every day with love and prayer.
- **Favorite Daddy Time Stories:** Sit in a circle and take turns sharing your favorite memory of spending time with your dad, grandpa, or a father-figure. What made it so special?
- **Copycat Challenge:** Watch how a dad in your family or church acts kindly, prays, or helps someone. Then kids try to copy that good example during the week!
- **Prayer Circle for Dads:** Pray together for all the dads, grandpas, and father-figures in your church and families. Thank God for them and ask God to help them be good dads.
- **God is Our Perfect Father:** For kids who don’t have a dad at home or whose dad is far away: Talk about how God is our Heavenly Father who never leaves us. He is always there and loves us perfectly. Church family can be like extra uncles and grandpas too!

Remember this: You don’t have to be perfect to be loved by God or by your dad. God is the perfect Father, and He helps our dads love us better every day. **You are loved** — by your Heavenly Father and by the people God put in your life to take care of you!