

Time with Dad

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Celebrate Father's Day by playing a game with Dad to reveal what you enjoy doing with him. Have fun as a family.

For
Young Family

Season
Summer, Father's Day

Needed
Bible, a quarter, calendar, pen

Prepare in Advance

Place bookmarks in your Bible at Psalm 103:13 and Proverbs 23:24.

Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin:

Dear God, thank you for being with us as we celebrate Father's Day. Thank you for everything that dads do to make life better. Amen.

2. Ask someone to read aloud Psalm 103:13 from your Bible or from the text below. Then have another person read aloud Proverbs 23:24. After hearing the verses, wonder together about why God is sometimes called our Heavenly Father.

Psalm 103:13: "As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him."

Proverbs 23:24: "The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him."

3. Get out a quarter and explain the game:
 - Players will take turns flipping the coin and letting it land on the table or floor.
 - If the coin lands "tails," the player tells about one activity he or she enjoyed doing with his or her dad in the past. (For example, reading a book, going to a ball game, working in the yard.)
 - If the coin lands "heads," the player tells about one activity he or she would enjoy doing with his or her dad in the future.
 - Have adults take turns as players, too, talking about their own fathers, whether or not they are still living. Young children may be surprised to learn that their grandpas are their parents' dads!
 - If children have a hard time naming activities, think together about father-child activities in each season or about outside activities and inside ones.
4. After you finish playing, mark a date on the calendar for an upcoming father-child activity.
5. Variation: As you play the game, include other significant men in your children's lives, such as grandfathers, uncles, godfathers, or family friends. Consider calling or emailing these individuals on Father's Day to let them know how much they are appreciated.