

## Your Dad's Faith

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On Father's Day, get together as a family and learn more about how the church and faith have shaped Dad's journey.

### For

Teen Family

### Season

Summer

### Needed

Bible, bookmarks or slips of paper



### Prepare in Advance

Place bookmarks in your Bible at Ephesians 2:8-9 and Romans 10:17.

### Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin.

*God, help our family to grow closer to one another. Amen.*

2. From your Bible or the text below, ask someone to read aloud Ephesians 2:8-9. Have another family member read aloud Romans 10:17. After hearing the verses, discuss what you learn about the nature of faith from them.

**Ephesians 2:8-9:** "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,<sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

**Romans 10:17:** "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

3. As a family, begin a discussion about faith in general with questions such as these:
  - Who tends to have an easier time talking about faith: men or women? Why?
  - Why can it be difficult for some men to talk about faith?
  - Which men have talked about faith to you? What did you learn from them?
4. Invite a more personal conversation about your faith experiences, being sensitive to which topics family members may feel comfortable with and which ones they may prefer to keep private. Offer questions, such as these:
  - At church, which person or persons have you looked up to? Why?
  - Which church experience have you enjoyed the most? Why?
  - What have you learned about faith from your parents? Your grandparents?
  - Why is it hard to talk about faith sometimes?
  - What helps you when you have doubts about your faith?
  - How has faith helped you in life?
5. As you gather to do something fun to celebrate Father's Day, offer a prayer of thanks for fathers.