



# A Dad Like You

By Brenda Carpenter

## Galatians 4:6

"Because you are his children, God sent the Spirit of his son into our hearts. He is the Holy Spirit. By his power we call God "Abba." Abba means Father."

## Children's Sermon

Use band-aids for your object lesson today. Provide different sizes, shapes, and maybe even some of those really funny ones.

"Oh, no! Does someone have a sore today? I don't see anyone bleeding. Did someone hurt themselves while they were playing today?"

"How many of you have fallen and had to be picked up, brushed off, and maybe even needed to have a band-aid? When I was little, I use to fall a lot and my daddy was there to brush off the dirt and tell me it was okay.

This reminds me of our Heavenly Father. He is there to pick us up when we fall, do the wrong things, or just need to be brushed off. He holds us in His loving arms and tells us that it is going to be okay.

Do you think that He stops loving us because we did something that He did not like? NO! He has an unconditional love for us. This means that no matter what we do, He still loves us.

In the Bible there is a story about a daddy who shows his son unconditional love. Open your Bible to Luke 15:11-32 and read what God has for you today. You can also read one of Mary's Parable Praise Party books called, "Come Back Home."



## Song: A Dad Like You

(Words and Music by Mary Rice Hopkins)

Play and sing the song to introduce the Children's Sermon

You were there to pick me up  
When I skinned my knees again  
It went away when you said it's ok  
I'm so glad we're friends

### CHORUS

So many can be a father  
But not just anyone can be a dad  
It takes someone like you  
To love me like you do  
It takes a daddy it takes a dad like you

You listened to me when I went on and on  
You only fell asleep one time  
If I could choose I would pick you  
I'm so glad you're mine

There is only one Heavenly Father  
Who always walks and talks with me  
And He's always there in my heart  
He will never leave  
He's holding me

You kept me safe  
When what I did was wrong  
You showed me the right way  
With all that we've done  
I see how far I've come  
And I thank you for yesterday

Chorus repeats twice

A dad like you  
A daddy like you  
A dad like you

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## Dad, You're Special ~ Art

Today the children will get to make special cards for their dads. Give each child 2 tie patterns. Have them decorate the first tie any way they would like. On the other tie, have the words printed out "Happy Father's Day."



### You Will Need:

- 2 Tie Patterns Per Child
- Markers / Crayons
- Scissors / Stapler
- Fabric scraps
- Glue

When the children are done, have them cut out their ties and staple the two together at the top to make a card. Have the children write their names on the insides of the cards and leave a little message for their dads.

## Big Shoes to Fill ~ Craft

Fathers have a very big job of raising their children to be kind, loving, and respectful men and women.

Today the children will be making a poster for their dads with their feet.



### You Will Need:

- Rags for easy clean up
- Paint / Brushes
- Copy of "Daddy's Footprint" on 24X12 inch construction paper

Have one child at a time take their shoes and socks off; paint their feet with the color they have chosen. Help the child stand on the paper with one foot on one side of the poem and the other on the other side. After the child is done, be sure to wash their feet well so they do not go home with colored socks.

## Daddy's Footprints

I saw my daddy's walking shoes  
Sitting by the door one day,  
So I slipped my feet into them  
And went quickly out to play.  
There was a path that he had made  
That led to a big oak tree  
Where he would bow alone to pray,  
And He'd ask God to bless me.  
His footprints, molded in the clay  
From daily going there,  
Beckoned me to follow them,  
To spend some time in prayer.  
Beneath the shade of the oak tree  
Where dad would so often go,  
I found the place where He would kneel  
And would pray for me, I know.  
I said, "Dear God, my Dad's a man  
Whose shoes I love to wear,  
For he's a man who taught me how  
You hear and answer prayer.  
"So now I pray You'll hear my prayer  
And bless my Daddy, too,  
For his footprints have led me here  
And taught me to love You."



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## Dads and Donuts Snack



For classroom use: Invite the dads to join you for a special snack. Have different donuts, donut holes, and juice available. Make it a very special day for the dads. Allow some time for the children to show them around the room. Some dads don't have the opportunity to visit the classroom, so this is a great time for them to see what their children do.

For Home Use: Set aside some time for just you and your children to go and do something special. Go for a bike ride in the park and pack a snack, or go see a fun family movie together and get ice cream afterwards. Be creative. Enjoy this time sharing with your children in something they like to do.

For Sunday School Use: Give each child a graham cracker, a cup of frosting and a small cup of M&M's. Allow them to frost their graham cracker and then place their M&M's in a pattern of a path. Talk about how we are to listen for our Heavenly Fathers voice and follow Him. Have enough of each item available for the children to make one for their dads. While doing this, talk with them about how they are to obey and honor their fathers.



## Closing Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for loving us no matter what we do. Thank you for always being there and being the perfect Father. Help us to listen for Your voice and follow You.

In Your Son's Name,  
Amen

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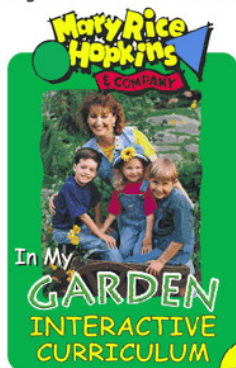
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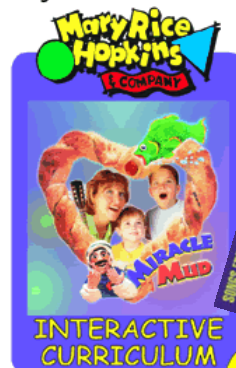
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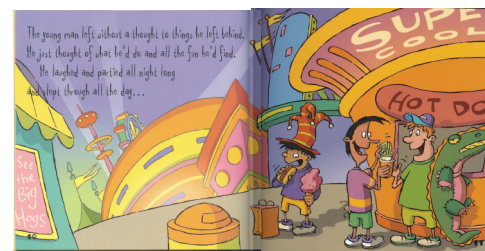
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