

Holiday Lesson Series

Father's Day

Bible Verse:

Proverbs 23:22

Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

Why We Celebrate This Holiday:

Mother's Day was celebrated first, and then someone decided that dad needed his special day, too. The first father's day was celebrated in June 1910 and the popularity has grown through the years. Now we celebrate Father's Day to remember dad and to tell him how much he means to the family. Families often get together to celebrate with barbeques and a fun day hanging out together.

Lesson Ideas:

1. Celebrate family: Talk to the children about their family. Have children make a book about the men in their family, such as dad, grandpa and uncles. Ask them to bring pictures of those that are important to them.
2. What Dads Do: Dads do a lot for the family. Take this time to talk to the children about what their dad does for their family. Talk about how he works to support the family, takes the family on special vacations or activities or how he coaches or just hang out with the kids.

Decorations:

1. Sports theme: Most dads love sports, so decorate the room using a sports theme. Set out balls from various sports. Consider getting a small green rug to represent a golf course.
2. Business dad: Dad works hard. Decorate the room using "dad" dress up clothes such as shoes, ties, hats and briefcases.

Craft:

Make a coupon book for dad. This is a cute book that the kids will enjoy giving to dad and dad will enjoy getting. Make coupons and have the children illustrate and color each coupon. Some ideas include "Good for a free hug and lots of kisses", "Good for a car wash", "Good for bringing in the newspaper."

Snacks:

1. Dad's Snack Mix: What better way to celebrate father's day than to make a snack mix that dad will love? In a large bowl, mix together popped popcorn, pretzel sticks, small cheese flavored crackers, and dry cereal. Mix together and serve in small cups.
2. Root Beer Floats: Dads love root beer floats. Place a scoop of vanilla ice cream in a cup, fill with root beer.

Game:

Dress Up Dad: Divide the kids into two teams. Select one child from each team to be “dad”. Give each team a bag of dad dress up clothes such as a white shirt, jacket, tie, hat and dress shoes. See how fast the teams and dress “dad” for work. The team that finishes first wins. You may want to play several times so each child has a chance to be “dad”/

Pin the Tie on Dad: Hang a large picture of a dad on the wall and cut out paper ties. Blindfold kids and let them play pin the tie on dad.

Gift Idea:

Go to the dollar store and purchase inexpensive golf clubs and plastic golf balls. Give them to the kids to play with and take home. You can even set up a mini-golf course in the room to honor dad.