

Home Family Worship with Kids 25. September 6th, 2020

Exodus 12:1-14 God is the Perfect Father

Opening quiz – have a question time and give a prize (a hug or something of your choice) to whoever gets the closest answer.

How many times is God identified or said that he is our Father in the Bible?

The Bible is clear about what our relationship with God is. He is our Father; we are His children. In fact, God is identified as our Father 265 times in scripture. Most of those are found in the New Testament because through Christ, we have a new identity as an adopted child of God ([Romans 8:15](#)).

What do we know about fathers?

Did you know that in the animal kingdom generally baby animals are care for by the mothers but there are animals who are looked after/taken care of by the fathers? Marmosets, Emperor Penguins, some frogs, sea horses, emus and bat-eared foxes are a few. Maybe look up some of these animals and find out how the father looks after their babies.

Here is a story about the catfish

As soon as mother catfish lays the eggs, father catfish takes over. Each egg is laid, one at a time, and is about two and a half centimetres wide. Father catfish opens his large mouth and carefully tucks each egg inside. There are at least ten eggs. While he is carrying the eggs over a period of one month, the male catfish does not eat. Each egg actually hatches inside his mouth. He must make sure he doesn't swallow them! Father catfish's mouth works like an incubator. It keeps the eggs protected at just the right temperature until the new fish are ready to hatch. The sea catfish makes a fantastic father.

We all want a fantastic father. Sometimes this doesn't happen but we can be sure that whatever happens in our family, one Person never changes. We have a Father in heaven who is the same yesterday, today and forever. The catfish father does some great things, but naturally he isn't perfect. All fathers make mistakes - that is, all fathers except God the Father who watches over us.

Pastor Andrew is talking about Moses in church. God hears the cry of his people and sends someone to help them – in the story of Moses, God actually protected Moses as a baby so that he would grow up to live in the Pharaoh's house so he would be in a position to help God's people.

Let's watch this clip about baby Moses (Or read the story in a picture Bible or Exodus 2:1-10)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vf-4x4iefQE>

Just like God watched over Moses he is watching over us. One way God watches over us is to give us people to care for us. Today we are thinking about our fathers. Our dad's love us, watch over and care for us. Can you think of ways that your dad cares for you – share with your family the things that your dad does for you.

Songs: My God, My Father: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCc5ZFt3bT0>

My God is so Big <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUageJdwyPY>

Our God https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5d_gm9zrnY

Our God is a great big God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSTfM8M2Md8>

Prayer: Dear God,
Thank you for caring for us
Your promises are true
We know you will always provide
Thank you for being our Father
Help us to trust in your Word
Thank you for your love
We love you, God!
In Jesus name, Amen!

Activity:

- Make an acrostic poem for fathers, or uncles, or godfathers, or someone else special.
- Learn a new skill from dad
- Make a back scratcher with dad <https://www.sciencebuddies.org/stem-activities/design-back-scratcher?from=Blog>



Trace everyone in the family's hands. Don't forget to date the picture.

Write Bible verses about dads/fathers in or around the hand drawings.

2 Corinthians 6:18: "And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

Proverbs 4:11-12: "I will guide you in the way of wisdom and I will lead you in upright paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered, and when you run, you will not stumble."

Deuteronomy 1:31: "There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place."

Matthew 6:8 "Your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

Isaiah 64:8 "Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand."