Group Activities & Discussions

What the Heavenly Father expects from Earthly Fathers (SS)

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Summary

This program outlines biblical admonishments to fathers on how to perform their role as fathers on earth. Our Fathers are towers of strength in our lives and our church, whether they are biological or adopted fathers (legally or informally). We don't have to wait till father's day to talk about fathers. God being the father of all, is the one who knows how best to be a real father. In this program, we will see what advice from the bible God has given to our fathers.

Program Aim

To impart firm principles critical to every father or father figure that will help them perform their God given responsibilities.

Scripture References

Proverbs 20:7

Theme Song(s)

304 – Faith of Our Fathers

Program Audience

Men

Fathers

Men in leadership positions

Preparations and resources

Pens or pencils, blank index cards or sheets of paper

OPENING PRAYER ***[1 minute]***:

SONG SERVICE ***[10 minutes]***:
SUPERINTENDENT'S OPENING REMARKS***[1 minute]***:
OPENING/THEME SONG ***[3 minutes]***: 304 – Faith of Our Fathers
ICEBREAKER:
Hand out blank index cards or sheets of paper to women and young people. On one side, ask them to write compliments to all the fathers by identifying something you admire about fathers in the church. It can be something that is done by one or more fathers, do not be specific with names. On the other side write something you wish more fathers would do.
Collect the papers before or during the lesson study.
If this is an online program, ask the participants to leave comments in the software that is being used or send you a private message using an application that you specify. You will read them out loud at the end of the program.

WELCOME:***[1 minute]***:
(This poem can be read by a child)

Walk with me Daddy

Walk alongside me, daddy
and hold my little hand.
I have so many things to learn
that I don't yet understand.

Teach me things to keep me safe
from dangers every day.
Show me how to do my best
at home, at school, at play.

Every child needs a gentle hand
to guide them as they grow.
So walk alongside me, daddy -
We have a long way to go.

Author: Helen Bush

SCRIPTURE READING ***[1 minute]***:
Proverbs 20:7(NKJV) The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.

PRAYER ***[1 minute]***:
SPECIAL:***[3 minutes]***:
MISSION STORY***[3 minutes]***:
MAIN FEATURE***[25 minutes]***:

Opening Remarks:

A father's worth and role cannot be denied or understated. Dad brings stability to the home by being the provider, priest and protector. He brings joy and laughter as well as correction. God has high expectations for dads and has endowed YOU(dads), with traits that mirror the image and likeness of God. Children are meant to experience God through you first. Today we will take a look at what our heavenly father expects from our earthly dads.

Activity from Children's Division: Song/Children giving reasons why they love their Dad

Presentation:

1. **God expects dads to make time for their family:**

In Bible times men were personally involved in the education of their children. Fathers were encouraged to spend time with their children on a regular basis, as is made evident by the Bible's words at Deuteronomy 6:6, 7, which say: "These words that I am commanding you today must prove to be on your heart; and you must inculcate them in your son and speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up."

2. **God expects dads to teach their children**

Great fathers are great teachers, God expects fathers to teach wisdom to their children. Children learn not only by what they hear, but also by what they see, teach them to seek wisdom and understanding by living a life centered around God's will. Because Proverbs 9:10 says "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."

Proverbs 4:1-9(ESV)
Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. ***2*** For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.***3*** For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. ***4*** He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. ***5*** Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. ***6*** Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. ***7*** Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. ***8*** Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. ***9*** She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

3. **God expects Daddies to be Good communicators**

Good communication starts with listening. Great dads listen, then if necessary, they speak. And when they do they are words "fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver" - Prov.25:11. "Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply." but the bible encourages dad by declaring that "Every man must be swift about hearing, slow about speaking, slow about wrath." (James 1:19) Fathers who apply this Bible principle are able to communicate better with their children.

4. **God expects Daddies to Give Loving Discipline and Commendation**

Discipline is much more effective when a father commends his children regularly. Commendation enriches a child's character. Children blossom when they are acknowledged and appreciated. A father who looks for opportunities to give commendation will help to build confidence in his children and

motivate them not to give up trying to do what is right.
“You fathers, do not be exasperating your children, so that they do not become downhearted.”—Colossians 3:21.

5. **God expects Daddies to Love and Respect Your Wife**

The way a father exercises his role as a husband is certain to positively affect children. One group of experts on child development explains: “One of the best things a father can do for his children is to respect their mother. A father and mother who respect each other and let their children know it provide a secure environment for them.”—The Importance of Fathers in the Healthy Development of Children. * “Husbands, continue loving your wives . . . Let each one of you individually so love his wife as he does himself.”—Ephesians 5:25, 33.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:
SPECIAL:
SUMMARY***[1 minute]***:
LESSON STUDY***[30 minutes]***:
CLOSING REMARKS:***[5 minutes]***:

Use this time to read out the best compliments and admonishments from the cards or papers handed out earlier.

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Anonymous (not verified), Apr 24 2020 - 9:46am
I have learnt a lot. God bless.

- Reply

Anonymous (not verified), Jun 19 2020 - 5:16am
Thank you, guys. I love it.

- Reply

jonathan ayangao (not verified), Nov 06 2020 - 8:37am
big thanks. shallom

- Reply

Coreen (not verified), Dec 29 2020 - 10:14am
Excellent ideas.

- Reply

Marcia Braham (not verified), Jun 07 2021 - 9:27pm
Thank you. These ideas are very useful

- Reply

Cherry Mae (not verified), Jun 11 2021 - 4:06pm
Thank you so much for this!

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AJIBOLA Daniel (not verified), Jun 17 2021 - 2:40pm
Thanks for this. It's really amazing!!!

- Reply

Stephen Gayus (not verified), Jun 17 2021 - 4:39pm
Wonderful ideas, keep the good work.

- Reply

Eyata Hector (not verified), Jun 17 2021 - 6:48pm
Wow I love this praise the Lord for the knowledge

- Reply

STELLA LUKUMBA (not verified), Jun 17 2021 - 11:03pm
Thank you so much, this is a good lesson

- Reply

Maxine Beckfor… (not verified), Jun 18 2021 - 8:09am
Thank you so much this is valuable indeed

- Reply

Ken (not verified), Jun 18 2021 - 10:27am
Thank you. Its a good help for our program. God bless you?

- Reply

great (not verified), Jun 18 2021 - 12:24pm
great

- Reply

Mylene (not verified), Jun 18 2021 - 1:07pm
Thank you so much. This is very useful for our Sabbath School program.

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Yanique Harvey (not verified), Jun 18 2021 - 3:28pm
Thank you, interesting.
May God continue to bless you and your team

- Reply

Francis Lesa (not verified), Jun 18 2021 - 4:04pm
Indeed a fitting program. Big roles for the fathers and certainly, some of us do need the heavenly touch.

- Reply

Suminta Mason (not verified), Jun 18 2021 - 5:44pm

I really love this it's a brilliant program

- Reply

Anonymous (not verified), Jun 18 2021 - 7:04pm
Thank you so much?

- Reply

Gailann (not verified), Jun 18 2021 - 9:20pm
Powerful message . Many thanks for this

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Fenika Muvirimi (not verified), Jun 19 2021 - 12:18am
Wow ❤ thank u so much ? really appreciate the program so powerful

- Reply

Anonymous (not verified), Jun 19 2021 - 12:27am
Thank you so much, I really appreciate this, it's a big help for my Sabbath school.

- Reply

Tshidi Teffo (not verified), Jun 19 2021 - 1:55am
Thank you so much. May God bless the fathers on earth.

- Reply

Bro. Isel Famorcan (not verified), Jun 19 2021 - 2:12am
God bless your ministry. Great tools for the church activities. Thank you.

- Reply

Sophia Burton (not verified), Jun 19 2021 - 7:07am
Thank you so much. Blessings!

- Reply

Marjorie S. Requerme (not verified), Jun 20 2021 - 6:07am
Thank you so much for the suggested flow of the program..It helps a lot!

- Reply

Charlie Michael (not verified), Jul 27 2021 - 3:57pm
Very good program it's fine with me and I will apply this tool to my church for our dear fathers who are not appreciated by our families.
Please thank you highly appreciated this program may good Lord blessings be with you and your team.
To God be the glory.

- Reply

Anonymous (not verified), Jun 16 2023 - 7:12pm
Excellent Programme..Keep up the good work. God bless you and your family.

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Rita Porazo (not verified), Jun 16 2023 - 7:23pm
Good morning & Happy Sabbath to all from Philippines. I would like to thank to the provider of different suggested program ideas for Sabbath programs in order for our church to grow and also to know more about our responsibilities at home, in church and in the community. I am so blessed for the weekly program sent to me. God bless your family and your ministry. May many churches will be blessed by these programs and ideas you'd provided. God speed!??

- Reply

Jenifer (not verified), Jun 17 2023 - 12:07am
Very good ideas. Thanks to everyone who put them together

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Onica (not verified), Jun 17 2023 - 6:28am
Thank you very much . Timely message for our fathers may God continue to give you knowledge and inspire you to do more for him

- Reply

Anonymous (not verified), Jun 17 2023 - 8:40am
Very good program.Continue to keep up the good work you and your wife.I pray the good Lord blessings be with you all.

- Reply

Anonymous (not verified), Jun 24 2023 - 2:30pm

Thank you for sharing

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Y. Downer (not verified), Jun 09 2024 - 9:17pm
I thank God you, for putting this father's day program together. May
It be used to bring families closer together, and lead us nearer to Jesus.

- Reply

Priscilla Clemence (not verified), Jun 12 2024 - 4:55pm
Thanks so much

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Anonymous (not verified), Jun 20 2024 - 12:09am
God bless your ministries

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