"Fathers: Earthly and Heavenly"

Children's Sermon for Father's Day

Earthly and Heavenly Fathers

Main Objective: With the coinciding topics of Father's Day and Trinity Sunday, this message offers a bit of perspective on God as our



Heavenly Father. It also provides an analogy of fatherhood and the three persons of the Trinity. The main goal is to communicate the beauty and comfort of God as our heavenly Father.

Law/Gospel Theme: One of the great hopes of the Gospel is how the sacrifice of Jesus allows us to enter the family of God. While we may struggle with the imperfections of earthly family dynamics, we can glory in the fact that God is our never-failing father. Not only are we saved, we are deeply loved and known by Him.

Optional Materials: Pictures of famous men (historical or contemporary) who are fathers

Bonus Ideas: More free resources to help you plan your children's sermon.

- Watch our <u>example video teaching</u> for this message on Pentecost.
- Compare all our <u>Sunday School lessons and activities</u> for Father's Day
- Watch a different children's sermon on this passage from DSkidsermons.com
- Compare <u>F is for FATHER</u> from Sermons 4 Kids

Note: All elements are open to adjustment. Cater to the needs and ages of your group.

Children's Message for Father's Day

Greet and welcome children, opening the chat.

Good morning!

I want to start today by showing you some pictures. Let's see if you know who is in these pictures...One by one, hold up a series of pictures, and invite students to identify the people in them. Use whatever cultural or historical heroes you like, as long as they are men who have children. Possible suggestions include Abraham Lincoln, King David, Jacob, Donald Trump, Martin Luther King Jr, Martin Luther, Will Smith, Tom Brady, the pastor of your church, your dog, etc....as you identify the person, have students identify what they are known for or what they do, too.

So, these men do different things and have different jobs. But they all share one thing in common. Do you know what that is? They are all fathers! All of these guys have children. And when they are at work or on the field or on the screen, it doesn't change the fact that they're fathers, right?

Well, today we are honoring fathers, because it is Father's Day. But we also want to talk about our Heavenly Father. We have discussed the Trinity a little bit, and we are going to see how part of the Trinity has to do with a father...

So, who's your dad? What is his name? (*Allow responses*). What does your dad do for a job? (*Allow responses*).

Well, our dads do different things, and some people have dads who are not around much, or maybe even live in other places. Unfortunately, not all fathers are great. But do you know what's neat?

We have a Heavenly Father who will never disappoint us. God the Father is part of the Holy Trinity. In our passages today, you heard about the Holy Spirit, and Jesus talked about sending the Spirit. The Spirit is part of the Trinity, and so is God the Father and Jesus. Just like our dads don't stop being our dads when they are at

work, God doesn't stop being the Father when He is Jesus the Son or the Holy Spirit. They are all part of the same thing. It can certainly be confusing for us to understand or fully grasp. But what we can know and trust is that God loves us. He loves us so much that He sent Jesus to die for us. The work of the Trinity rescues us, but also comforts and cares for us. No matter what our families might be like here in this life, we know we are part of God's family. His love will never stop, and He is always present. It is a blessing to know that the Heavenly Father will hold us in His loving hand and always have our interests in mind.

Can we say a prayer of thanks to God for that? Oh, and don't forget to tell your earthly father Happy Father's Day, too!

Prayer: Offer thanks for God the Father and joy to serve and love Him: (Have kids repeat each line, if desired)

Dear God,
Thank you for being my Father
Thank you for the Trinity
Help me to love and serve you
And share your word with others
Thank you for taking care of me
I love you, God! Thanks for loving me
In Jesus' name, amen

John 16:12-15 NIV

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you." -John 16:12-15 NIV

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. -Romans 5:1-5 NIV

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