

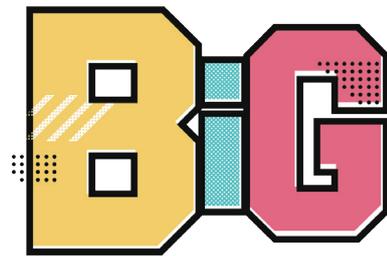
CELEBRATE

SPECIAL DAYS

LEADER'S GUIDE

YOUNGER CHILDREN

KDG



BIG PICTURE:

SPECIAL DAYS

BIG IDEA:

FATHER'S DAY

BIG POINT:

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DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture 'SPECIAL DAYS'. It contains an outline for you to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children. The BIG 'Celebrate' User Guide document contains all the service element information, including the large group segment of your service.

Make sure you read through and prayerfully study this material prior to your service to be fully prepared to minister to your children.

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KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (KDG)

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LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the conclusion of this lesson children will:

- Take time to honour their father or a man in their life.
- Know that God is our Heavenly Father.
- Discover some great dads in the Bible.

YOUNGER CHILDREN RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 6-8

Use this KDG outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

CONNECT TIME

How do you love to spend time with your dad?

THE BIG QUESTION GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Describe your dad using one word.

Invite the children to each share the one word that they would use to describe their dad.

2. What does honour mean and how can we honour our dads?

Honour means to have high respect and great esteem. Honour means we give that person an important place in our life.

Ephesians 6:1-2 (NLT) "Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honour your father and mother." We honour our dads by obeying them, respecting them, helping them, praying for them, doing kind things and telling them how much we love them.

3. How is God our Heavenly Father?

The Bible tells us that God is our Father and we are His children. That's a lot of people in God's family! John 1:12 (NIRV) "Some people did accept him and did believe in his name. He gave them the right to become children of God." We are all God's children.

If Father's Day is a hard time for you for any reason, take heart because God is our Heavenly Father. The Bible says God is a Father to the fatherless, Psalm 68:5 (NIV) "A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling". Today you can honour God and the other great men in your life.

ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

THE BIG ACTIVITY

SUPPLIES NEEDED: All About Dad booklet page printed from print material files for each child, scissors, coloured pencils.

DIRECTIONS:

Give each child an "All About Dad" booklet page printed from the print material files.

To create the booklet from this one page follow these steps:

Step 1 - Fold the page in half length ways then unfold.

Step 2 - Fold the page in half the other way, top to bottom.

Step 3 - Take one layer and fold it into the centre fold line, then turn it over and do the same to the other side.

Step 4 - Open the folds a little and cut through the centre fold, following the creased line, you cut through two layers of paper and stop at the cross fold.

Step 5 - Holding each side of the cut section, bring them down and fold along the vertical crease.

Step 6 - Now fold the pages flat and fill in your book.

EXPLANATION: God gives us dads to love us, care for us, protect us and teach us. Did you know that honouring parents is the only commandment that promises long life as a reward; Ephesians 6:1-3 (CEV) "Children, you belong to the Lord, and you do the right thing when you obey your parents. The first commandment with a promise says, "Obey your father and your mother, and you will have a long and happy life." God teaches us to honour our parents and we will have a loooooong and happy life. That sounds pretty good to me! On Father's Day take the time and honour the men in your life. Who knows, you could live a loooooong life until you're a 130!

