

Play: Father pairs

Search online or in magazines for pictures of dads and their children e.g Pepper pig & daddy pig, Mr Incredible and his children. They can be cartoon pictures as well as real people. Cut up the pictures and put them into two piles one for dads and one for children. See if you can match the pictures so that the right dads go with the right children.

Challenge : New skill

Ask your role model (a teacher, someone at church, an adult in your home, a neighbour etc) to teach you a skill they are good at, it could be football skills, origami, music workshops, gymnastics, cartoon or drawing.

Watch: Jairus' daughter <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4A1PmEeEQ4>

Read: Jairus' daughter

There was a man called Jairus who had a daughter. Jairus did all the Dad things. He listened to her read. He played games with her. He told her about God. He worked hard to earn money so she could have new clothes and good food. One day, the little girl didn't feel very well. She had a headache and felt dizzy. Jairus made her some medicine and her mother looked after her. Every day, the little girl felt a little bit worse. Jairus sat beside her bed and worried about her. He gave her more medicine, but she didn't get better. Jairus was worried that she might die. Then Jairus had an idea! He had heard of a man called Jesus. Jesus said that God was everyone's father... and he often prayed for people, and God made them better. Jairus immediately went to find Jesus. He ran and ran to the town where Jesus was staying, and begged Jesus to go with him. Jesus came because he saw how worried Jairus was. But before they got back, a servant came to tell Jairus that the little girl was dead. Jairus burst into tears, but Jesus said "come on. Your little girl is sleeping - I will wake her up!" So Jairus took Jesus to see his little girl, and she was dead, just as the servants had said she was. But Jesus wasn't worried - he took the girl's hand and said to her, "Little girl, wake up!" Amazingly, the little girl sat up. She was alive, and she was better. Jesus told Jairus to give her something to eat. Jairus hugged his little girl and gave her some food, and Jesus slipped away again. Was Jairus a good dad to his little girl? What was the most important thing that he did for her? Jairus cared for his daughter but he can't do everything - God is the dad who loves and looks after us all, and He can do everything for us!

Make: Thank you card

Make a 'Thank you' card for someone you know who is a good role model (a teacher, someone at church, an adult in your home, a neighbour etc) to let them know how much their actions/words/lifestyle encourage and help you.

Make: Family tree

Draw around your hand and part of your arm to make a tree shape. Think about the people you have in your family—adults in their home, grandparents, aunts/uncles, cousins etc. Add these people by drawing their face next to one of your fingers or simply by writing their name. Look up Matthew 1: 1-16 to see how big Jesus' family tree was.

Pray:

Matthew 7: 9,11: "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" Our Heavenly Father always seeks the best for His children. Our own families want to give us good things, 'how much more' does God want to. Hold a small stone and a small piece of bread in each hand. Ask God to help you with some concerns you may have in your life—pray with your adult at home about these things.