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JUMP In!
Leaping into Faith with Little Ones

FATHER'S DAY

A special session outline for use with
preschool children to celebrate
Father's Day.

SUGGESTED RESOURCES

- *The Play-Along Bible*, Bob Hartman.
- *God's Big Promises Bible Storybook*, Carl Laferton.
- *The Lion Easy Read Bible*, Christina Goodings.
- Percussion instruments.

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BIBLE STORY

Jairus's Daughter – Mark 5:51-24,35-43 or Luke 8:40-42,49-56

The Play-Along Bible, Bob Hartman, 'Just Have Faith', p70.

God's Big Promises Bible Storybook, Carl Laferton, 'Jesus raises a dead girl to life', p277.

The Lion Easy Read Bible, Christina Goodings, 'Jesus and the little girl', p258.

Animated Bible Story
<https://youtu.be/O1KAC6Jrofg>

Tell the story of Jairus and his sick daughter. Talk about how Jairus was a very important religious leader and that some of his friends would not like him going to Jesus for help. However, because Jairus loved his daughter very much, he was willing to do anything to help her get better. Jairus was a loving, caring father.

I wonder how Jairus felt when his servant told him his daughter had died?
I wonder how Jairus felt when Jesus told his daughter to get up, and she did?
I wonder if they had a party to celebrate her being well again?



PRAYER

Dear God,
Today we want to say a special thank you for our dads, grandads and uncles who are great fun to play with and are very good at helping us when we get stuck! Please be with them and bless them today and on Father's Day. We thank you for all our family members who take care of us every day. Thank you especially that you are our Heavenly Father, and that you love us all very much.
Amen.

CRAFT/ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Make cards to give to family members for Father's Day.
- Decorate a small gift bag with stickers and put in little treats such as a sachet of coffee, a can of pop, bag of crisps or chocolate bar.
- For further craft ideas see <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/FamilyMinistriesUK/IT/crafts-for-fathers-day/>



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SENSORY PLAY

- Put shaving foam and some food colouring or paint in zip-lock bags.
- Use handprints or footprints to create your Father's Day cards or decorate gift bags.
- Fill a tough tray with edible sand and add toy vehicles and male figures.

SONG SUGGESTIONS

1. Theme Song

(Tune: 'If you're happy and you know it' - Backing track <https://youtu.be/M6zpfu2HODE>)

If your dad is the best, clap your hands,
If your dad is the best, clap your hands,
If your dad is the best, then you are really blessed,
If your dad is the best, clap your hands.

If your grandad's really great, stamp your feet,
If your grandad's really great, stamp your feet,
If your grandad's really great and you love him like a mate,
If your grandad's really great, stamp your feet.

If your uncle's really fun, nod your head,
If your uncle's really fun, nod your head,
If your uncle's really fun 'cause he plays with everyone,
If your uncle's really fun, nod your head.

If you're happy God loves you, shout 'We are!'
If you're happy God loves you, shout 'We are!'
If you're happy God loves you – no matter what you do,
If you're happy God loves you, shout 'We are!'

2. Tune: 'Twinkle, Twinkle'
Dads and grandads, uncles too,
Love to help both me and you.
Playing games and having fun,
Trips to the park for everyone,
On this special day for you,
Let's say thanks for all you do.

3. Tune: 'Frère Jacques'
Dads and grandads, dads and grandads,
Uncles too, uncles too,
Always there to help us, always there to help us;
We love you, we love you.

