

The Best Dad Ever

A Children's Sermon About God Our Father, **Father's Day Edition**

☆ K-5TH GRADE

🕒 5-7 MINUTES

💖 FATHER'S DAY

This simple, joyful message helps kids discover that God is the best Father who ever existed, one who knows their name, never leaves them, and loves them no matter what. Warm, interactive, and volunteer-friendly, this outline is ready to go right out of the box!

Sermon at a Glance

Everything you need to know before you walk up front. This outline is designed to be simple, interactive, and fun, perfect for any leader, whether it's your first time or your hundredth!

The Basics

- **Age Range:** Kindergarten through 5th grade
- **Time:** 5–7 minutes
- **Occasion:** Father's Day
- **Skill Level:** First-time volunteer friendly!

Optional Materials

- A photo of a dad and child
- A simple drawing of a family
- Send-home cards (template at end)

The Three Big Truths

Point 1

God knows your name

Point 2

God never leaves you

Point 3

God's love never runs out

Gather the Kids

Call the kids forward with energy and a big smile. Let them settle in, get wiggles out, and feel welcomed. The opening moment sets the whole tone: make it warm, make it fun!

"Happy Father's Day, everyone! How many of you have a dad? Raise your hand! How many of you did something special for your dad today, or are going to later?"

Let a few kids share briefly. You might hear about cards they made, breakfast in bed, or hugs they gave. Celebrate every answer! Then transition into the Hook with energy.

Pacing tip: Keep sharing time to about 60 seconds. You want kids to feel heard, but you also want to keep the momentum going. A simple "I love that!" and a quick pivot works great.

The Best Dad Contest

Now it's time to get kids thinking and talking. This hook draws them in by starting with something they already know, their own dads, before pointing them to something even bigger.

"I want to know, what makes a really GREAT dad? Shout it out!"

Let kids call out answers freely. You'll likely hear things like: *he plays with me, he gives hugs, he buys me stuff, he's funny, he keeps me safe*. Affirm every single answer warmly. Then land the big setup:

"Those are ALL great things! You guys just described what a really good dad looks like. But today I want to tell you about someone who is the **BEST Dad who ever existed**, even better than your dad. Does anyone know who I'm talking about?"

Let them guess! Accept any answers with warmth. Then land gently on the answer: **God**.

God Knows Your Name

Psalm 139:13-14: "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!"

This first point is all about helping kids feel **seen and known**. For little ones especially, knowing that they matter, that they were made on purpose, is powerful good news. Deliver this with warmth and wonder in your voice.

"Did you know that before you were even born, God already knew your name? He made you on purpose. You are not an accident. You are not a mistake. God looked at you and said, **I want THAT one.**"

Pause for effect, then ask your silly question with a big grin:

"Does your dad know your name?" (*They'll laugh, of course!*) "Of course he does! But here's the wild part, God knew your name **before** your mom and dad even picked it."

Let that sink in for just a moment. Kids love the idea that God was thinking about them before they even existed. It's a truth that feels magical and personal at the same time.

- ☑ **Simple Truth to Repeat:** "God knows you and made you on purpose." Consider having kids say it back to you!

God Always Shows Up


Deuteronomy 31:6: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified. The Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you or forsake you."


This point meets kids right where they are. Some have amazing dads who are present every day. Some have dads who travel for work. And some, this is the tender spot, have dads who aren't around at all. Move through this section with gentleness and speed. The goal is not to highlight absence, but to shine a light on God's unwavering presence.

"Sometimes dads have to go to work. Sometimes dads travel. Sometimes, and this is really hard, some dads aren't around. But God says something really amazing: '**I will NEVER leave you. Ever.**' Not when you're scared at night. Not when you mess up. Not ever."

Now use the interactive question to connect emotionally:

"Have you ever been somewhere and got separated from your mom or dad for just a second? How did that feel?" *(Let one or two kids answer.)* "Scary, right? God says you never have to feel that way with Him. He is **always, always there.**"

 **Sensitivity Check:** When mentioning dads who aren't around, keep your tone warm and your pace moving. A simple pause and a soft smile communicates care without dwelling. The point is God's faithfulness, let that be the loudest message.

 **Simple Truth to Repeat:** "God never leaves you."

God's Love Never Runs Out

Romans 8:38-39 (simplified): "Nothing can separate us from the love of God."

Save your best energy for this one, it's the heart of the whole message. Kids often wonder, deep down, if love is conditional. They worry about what happens when they mess up, when they disappoint someone, when they aren't at their best. This truth is the answer to that worry.

"Here's my favorite part. You know how sometimes you do something wrong and you wonder if people are still going to love you? God says **NOTHING**, not your worst day, not your biggest mistake, not anything, can make Him stop loving you."

Use the relatable question to draw kids in:

"If you broke something at home by accident, would your dad still love you?" (*Yes!*) "What if you did it on purpose?" (*Let them wrestle with it a little, some may say yes, some may hesitate.*) "God's love is even **bigger** than that. The Bible says NOTHING can separate us from God's love. Nothing."

Say the word "nothing" with fun, dramatic emphasis. Kids love the repetition. You can even cup your hands around your mouth and say it loud, **NOTHING!**, and let them say it back to you.



🌟 **Simple Truth to Repeat:** "God's love for you never runs out."

The Three Big Truths

Here's a quick visual summary of everything the kids just learned. Use this moment to review before the wrap-up, you can point to each one as you say it, or have kids hold up one, two, and three fingers as you count them off together!



God Knows Your Name

Before you were born, God already knew you. You were made on purpose, with love.

Psalms 139:13-14



God Never Leaves You

Not when it's dark, not when it's hard. God promises to always, always be there.

Deuteronomy 31:6



God's Love Never Runs Out

Nothing you do can make God stop loving you. His love is bigger than anything.

Romans 8:38-39

These three truths are the takeaways you want kids to carry with them long after they leave the room. The simpler and more repeatable, the better, that's why each one is just a few words. Simple sticks!

Wrap Up & Prayer

Bring the energy back to warm and wonder-filled. Summarize the message with a big smile, and remind kids that today is a double celebration, their earthly dads *and* their Heavenly Father!

"So today while we celebrate dads, I want you to remember: you have a Heavenly Father who **knows your name**, who **never leaves you**, and who **loves you more than you can even imagine**. That's pretty amazing, right?"

Pause, let them smile and nod, and then invite them into prayer. Repeat-after-me prayers work beautifully with this age group, they feel included, engaged, and empowered to pray in their own words.

Closing Prayer

📖 **Have kids repeat each line after you:**

"God, thank you for being the best Father."

"Thank you for knowing my name."

"Thank you for never leaving me."

"Thank you for loving me no matter what."

"Amen!"

After the amen, send them back to their seats (or to parents) with a big high-five energy. You might even say: *"Now go give your dad the best hug ever, and remember you've got a Heavenly Father who loves you like crazy!"*

Send-Home Card Idea

Want to extend the message beyond the service? A simple take-home card is a wonderful way to do that. Kids can give it to their dad, stick it on the fridge, or tuck it in their room as a reminder. You can print these on card stock, cut them out, and have them ready in a basket as kids leave.

What to Include on the Card

Keep it simple, colorful, and kid-friendly. The three truths are all you need! You might also add a spot for kids to write their name, reminding them that God knows it!

- God knows your name.
- God never leaves you.
- God's love never runs out.

Optional additions: a scripture reference (Psalm 139:14), a simple drawing spot, or a note that says *"Happy Father's Day from [Church Name]!"*

Card Text (Ready to Use)

Happy Father's Day!

Did you know you have a Heavenly Father who...

- Knows your name
- Never leaves you
- Loves you no matter what

"Nothing can separate us from the love of God." Romans 8:39

Leader Notes & Tips

Whether you're a seasoned children's ministry leader or stepping up for the very first time, these notes are here to help you deliver this message with confidence. You've got this!

Sensitivity Check

When you mention dads who aren't around, be warm but brief. Move through it gently and quickly. The spotlight belongs on God's faithfulness, not on anyone's pain. A soft voice and a kind expression goes a long way.

Keep the Energy Up

Kids ages K–5 need movement and interaction every 60–90 seconds. The questions throughout this outline are built in for exactly that reason. If the room gets wiggly, that's your cue to ask a question and get them talking!

First-Time Volunteer?

This outline is written so that anyone can pick it up and deliver it confidently, no seminary training required! Read through it twice before Sunday, say the Big Truths out loud a few times, and you'll be ready. God uses willing hearts!



Read Twice

Practice Out
Loud

Pray & Smile

Remember, kids don't need a perfect performance. They need someone who shows up with love and tells them the truth. That's exactly what this message is designed to help you do. Go get 'em!