The World's Best Father

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John 8:44

Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

John 8:42

Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

Romans 8:15-17

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. ¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

John 14:13

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

1. Our Heavenly Father is Loving

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

2. Our Heavenly Father is Welcoming

John 14:2

In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3. Our Heavenly Father's Kindness Never Runs Out

Psalm 103:17

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But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

4. Our Heavenly Father's Forgiveness is Complete

Psalm 103:11-13

For as the heaven is high above the earth, *so* great is his mercy toward them that fear him. ¹² As far as the east is from the west, *so* far hath he removed our transgressions from us. ¹³ Like as a father pitieth *his* children, *so* the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

5. Our Heavenly Father is Always Approachable Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Ways for dads to be more like our Heavenly Father:

a. Put down the device; b. Have dinner together when possible;

c. Help them with their homework; d. Take them on walks; e. Tuck them into bed and pray with them; f. Teach them the scriptures during real life moments; g. Teach them respect and discipline.

6. You Will Never Have to Earn Our Heavenly Father's Love

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

7. You Can Never Lose Our Heavenly Father's Love

Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Proverbs 3:11-12

My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: ¹² For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.