

Youth group @ Home

Sunday 21st June 2020

Christian Character – Session 10: Father's Day

Good morning and welcome to session 10 of Youth Group @ Home. Why not go through today's session with family or friends? You could always Zoom call some friends and go through the activities together.

Activity

To start us off with this week's session, come up with three things in your head and then share them with a friend or family member.

Thing one: A good thing from the previous week

Thing two: A bad thing from the week

Thing three: A prayer for the coming week

Activity

On a piece of paper draw a person that represents your primary father figure in your life, then around the person write down the words that most describe this person to you. Some examples might be...

- Loving
- Caring
- Funny
- Protective...

Now think about what some of the key things this person does for you. These could be things such as...

- Giving you lifts to places in the car
- Cooking you dinner every night
- Giving you a hug when you are sad...

Write down the things that come to mind, then circle the ones that you are most grateful for. Make sure to say thank you this Father's day for all the ways in which the father figures in our lives take care of us.

Think

1. What are some of the characteristics you think are most important in a male role model?
2. How have the key father figures in your life helped to shape you into the person you are today? How could you thank them for their hard work in your life?
3. In what ways do you think God is like a father?
4. Have you ever thought of God as a father to you? – Some people don't have any father figures in their lives, but God is the perfect father, so even if you don't have an earthly father, you always have a Father who loves you in Heaven. How does this make you feel?

Bible Study

Jesus had an earthly father – Joseph and a heavenly Father – God. Let's take a look at the kind of father Joseph in the bible was.

Read each of these bible passages and then write down what they tell you about Joseph as a father.

- 1) Matthew 1:18-19 & 24
- 2) Luke 2:1-7
- 3) Matthew 2:13-15

In the first passage, Joseph displays integrity, righteousness, obedience, and a receptiveness to hearing from God – He did the right thing by Mary and did not dishonour her; instead he trusted God and stood by Mary, even though he knew things were not going to be easy.

In the second passage, Joseph proves to be law-abiding, a provider, and strong-willed – He fulfilled his duties, he found them somewhere to stay, and, in addition to all this, Joseph was pledged to be married to Mary, this meant they wouldn't have been living together, let alone be expecting a baby, but Joseph was determined to do God's will and remained obedient despite the remarks he'd have surely received from others.

In the third passage, Joseph protects his family and listens to God. He did not question God but was obedient and as a result kept baby Jesus and Mary safe from harm.

Joseph was a good example of a good father. The Bible verses show us that he did everything that we expect a dad to do for his children. We only read the positive, but we must remember that Joseph was only human and whilst being such a godly man, he would have slipped up and made mistakes – just like our own earthly fathers. No earthly father is perfect and it would be unfair of us to expect our earthly fathers to be perfect, but God – our heavenly Father – is perfect and He will always do what is best for us and always love us, no matter what we do!

Who is our heavenly Father?

Take a look at the sheet below.

God Our Heavenly Father Sheet

Below are a list of words that represent who God is as a Father. How do we know this? Well, because it's all there in the Bible. Look up the verses on the right side of the sheet, then match the character qualities on the left to the Bible verse that describes that character quality.

Creator

Provider

1 Corinthians 8:6

Love

Discipliner

Matthew 7:11

Hebrews 12:6

Wise

1 John 4:8-10

Father

Romans 11:33

Faithful

Galatians 4:6

Comforter

2 Timothy 2:13 2

Corinthians 1:3-4

Answers

- Creator – [1 Corinthians 8:6](#)
- Provider – [Matthew 7:11](#)
- Discipliner – [Hebrews 12:6](#)
- Love – [1 John 4:8-10](#)
- Wise – [Romans 11:33a](#)
- Father – [Galatians 4:6](#)
- Faithful – [2 Timothy 2:13](#)
- Comforter – [2 Corinthians 1:3-4](#)

Sometimes the male figures in our lives make mistakes and let us down, but God is perfect. He will never let us down, never leave us, and never stop loving us. God is our Father – our daddy, who just wants the best for you, who wants to hear your voice and share your life. Isn't that amazing? The God who created the universe, the God who has more power than we can even begin to imagine, the God who created you and me wants you – He wants to be your daddy, will you let Him?

This Father's Day, be grateful for the earthly father figures in your life, but also remember your heavenly Father and thank Him for being your providing, loving, wise, comforting, faithful, Father.

Pray

As we come to the end of our session on Father's Day, think about ways that you can show the father figures in your life how grateful you are for their presence in your life, but also think about ways that you could spend time with God – your heavenly Father – this week, that is the best gift you could give to God.

Dear God,

We thank you that you care so deeply for us. Thank you for all that you do for us. Thank you that we can completely trust you because you are a perfect Father, you will never let us down and you will never let us go – thank you!

Please help us to live how you want us to live. Help us to honour the earthly fathers that you have given us and help us to be gracious to them when they make mistakes.

Amen.

Remember, you can pray anytime – day or night – God is always listening to you and He loves to hear your voice.

We really hope you enjoyed this session. If you have questions you want to ask, or want to request a certain topic for a future session, you can email me: Freya@Bedhampton.Church.