

# FATHER'S DAY

Holiday Devotion



## Theme of Lesson

The fatherhood of God is most comforting to the believer. God, as a Father, provides peace and comfort. He does what any good dad would do. This includes guarding, supporting, and helping. Even when we are not pleasing to God, He will chasten us as a child (Heb.12:6,7).

## Practical Application

It is important to understand the fatherhood of God. It will help you to appreciate the relationship you have with Him. It is also important to be aware of the many false ideas on this subject.

## Background of Lesson

Not everyone has a Father in their life. Some have died, left the family, or don't pay much attention to their children. This is very unfortunate, but God is still on the throne. God is "A father of the fatherless" (Ps.68:5). We must overlook the faults of our earthly fathers and focus on the wonderful attributes of our Heavenly Father. Honoring both our fathers on Father's Day is a great idea. There are no sweeter words that a father can hear other than "I love you." This goes for our Heavenly Father as well!

## **I. The Best Dad in the World!**

- A. One of the most amazing things about Christianity is the close and personal relationship the believer has with God. At the very moment a person is born again, he receives the Spirit of Christ into his heart. The Spirit encourages and stirs us to call God "Father." This is foreign to most all faiths around the world. It is only because of our family relationship through Jesus Christ that we can cry out to God as our Father. This provides comfort and assurance that our God is the best Dad in the world! "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father" (Gal.4:6). Abba is an endearing family term which means daddy.
- B. Jesus addressed the Father by Abba when He prayed in the garden of Gethsemane (Mk.14:36).
- C. God is the best Dad in the world because He is God! To realize that the One who created all things is your Father is an amazing truth. Being a child of God is the highest and most privileged calling there is. "Ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father" (Rom.8:15). Our Heavenly Father adopted us, even in spite of knowing every bad thing about us. We certainly don't deserve this.

## **II. Why Our Heavenly Father is the Best**

- A. God is the best because of what He did for us. (Jn.3:16).
- B. God is the best because He will never leave us or forsake us (Heb.13:5).
- C. God is the best because He is very patient with us (2Pet.3:9).
- D. God is the best because He is holy and righteous (Rev.4:8) (Ps.145:17).

## **III. Things that Please Our Heavenly Father**

- A. One of the greatest things you can know is that God is your Heavenly Father. The second is to know what pleases Him. If you love Him, you will want to please Him (1Jn.2:3).
  - 1. Faith (Heb.11:6)
  - 2. Spirit-filled life (Rom.8:8,9)
  - 3. Separation (2Tim.2:3,4)
  - 4. Preaching to the lost (1Cor.1:21)
  - 5. Sacrificing (Heb.13:15,16)
- B. What are some similarities in a relationship between an earthly father and the Heavenly Father?
  - 1. You should want to please both.
  - 2. They both care for you.

## **IV. How to have God as your Heavenly Father**

- A. There are many false beliefs concerning God the Father.
  - 1. Many believe that every person in the world is a child of God. This is called the "Universal Fatherhood of God." According to the Bible, this is not true. Jesus told some that they had the devil as their spiritual father and not God (Jn.8:42-44).
  - 2. Many believe that water baptism will make God your Father. This is not true (1Cor.1:17) (Gal.3:26).
  - 3. Many believe good works will make you a child of God. This is not true (Eph.2:8,9).
- B. The only thing that can make you a child of God is to place your faith in Jesus alone for salvation.
  - 1. He is the only one who can bring you into the family of God (Jn.14:6) (Acts 4:12) (1Tim.2:5).
  - 2. By faith, we are spiritually born into God's family. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (Jn.1:12).
  - 3. When did you become a child of God?