

ow does it feel to BE a gift? Wrapped in, what? A fading flannel shirt? Well-worn khakis? A balding head ... or steadily graying hair, at least? A stubbly chin on a Saturday morning?

How does it feel to be a GIFT? The kind that, what? Does taxi service on evenings and weekends? Baits a hook? Purchases the computer products that only the kids can set up? Spends late Christmas Eves frustrated over indecipherable assembly instructions?

How does it feel to be a gift ... of GOD? That's what you are, Daddy. Even when you don't feel like one ... or when your children don't feel like you are one, either. You ARE a gift, sent by God into your family. A GOOD gift, too!

Consider this little booklet a "thank you"—to YOU certainly. And to the GOD who gave you, too!





My dad is the best dad because he is protective of me and he tells me he loves me.

Catie

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

ISAIAH 64:8

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

PSALM 118:1

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.

PSALM 103:1-2

God of Our Fathers

God of our fathers,
Whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty
All the starry band
Of shining worlds
In splendor through the skies:
Our grateful songs
Before your throne arise.

DANIEL C. ROBERTS



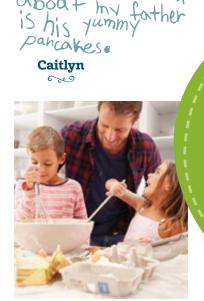
When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

Pancakes

When I was young, Saturday lunch meant Dad's handcrafted pancakes. Dad was known by my brother, sister, and me for making those thick pancakes with dough still in the middle. He would slide them off the griddle and plunk them on our plates. We couldn't help but giggle. He would sometimes make "bunnies" with two ears. (Pancake "bunny ears" were a delicacy in our house.) One Saturday, Dad made "letter" pancakes—an M for Mark, a J for Jonathan, and an L for Leah. But we all knew that with each letter he was spelling out his love.

MARK ZIMMERMANN



The thing

I like

most about

my father

is He makes

the best food!

Taylor

Taylor

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

LUKE 12:32

Then we your people, the flock of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

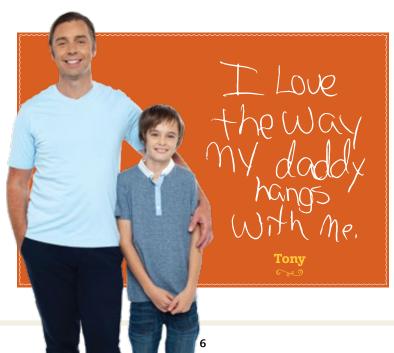
PSALM 79:13

thank you for giving me such a great dad I'm very thankful since some kids don't have dads.

Hope ...

Mpdad Is the best because hes 100 times my dadines

Heather

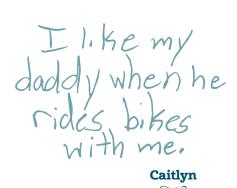


Hallowed Be Thy Name

My one-year-old just learned a prayer, and it goes like this:

Daddy!

It may not be much, but it works like a charm. I'm thinking of adding it to my repertoire.





Bringing up a family should be an adventure, not an anxious discipline in which everybody is constantly graded for performance. MILTON R. SAPIRSTEIN

Being a grown-up means assuming responsibility for yourself, for your children, and—here's the big curve —for your parents. wendy wasserstein

We never know the love of our parents for us till we have become parents.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:6-9

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for Father's Day





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