

# Father's Day

*Exodus 20:12, Proverbs 4:1,23:22-24, Ephesians 6:1-4,  
Colossians 3:20*



Do you ever wonder how Father's Day got started? It started in 1909 because Mrs. John B. Dodd wanted to thank her father for all he had done for her and her family. Her father, William Smart raised six children alone after his wife died in childbirth. He was also a civil war veteran. The first Father's Day in the United States was celebrated in Spokane Washington on June 19, 1910. It wasn't until 1966 that Father's Day was declared a national holiday in the U.S. and it wasn't until 1972 that the special day happened every year.

Father's are very special, so special that they are mentioned in the Bible. Since the Bible is like an instruction manual for us, it gives us instructions on how to treat our father.

Do any of you know what the ten commandments are? They were rules that God gave to Moses for all of us to follow. Each commandment is very important and God gave each commandment for a reason. One of the commandments says: Honor your father and your mother, so that all may go well for you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

What does honor mean anyway? Honor can mean many things. When we listen, obey, love, appreciate, and forgive our dad that is how we honor him. That means when he asks you to do something you should do it right away without complaining. You can also appreciate your dad by thanking him when he does things for you (driving you to soccer practice or music lessons, etc.).

We also have a heavenly father that cares and loves us no matter what. So if you don't have a father around all the time (or even if you do) God is the father of all fathers. He is there for you and loves you.

## Father's Day Roll-Up Card:

**Supplies:** craft sticks, markers, paper, glue stick, ribbon



**Instructions:** Decorate 8 wood craft sticks using markers. You can decorate both sides of the craft sticks, but only one side is necessary.

Cut a piece of paper 4"x 5½" . Write your 5 favorite things about dad or other messages (see picture above).

Stack the wood craft sticks horizontally. Apply a generous amount of glue using the glue stick to the back of the construction paper piece. Press it onto the craft sticks making sure not to move the sticks. Rub your hand over it to make sure it is adhered well. Apply a little more glue if necessary. Roll up the card and tie with a ribbon.

You can also:

-write directly on the craft sticks and glue the paper on the other side of the sticks

-simply tie them with a ribbon all together so they are like a puzzle



