

Called to Wonder

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Why do we celebrate Father's Day in June?

A war veteran, William Smart, found himself a widow when his wife died in childbirth. Mr. Smart raised his six children on a rural farm. His daughter, Sonora Louise Smart Dodd, wanted her father to know how much she appreciated his sacrifices and loving care. In 1909, she proposed Father's Day to be celebrated in June (the month her father was born). On June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day was celebrated. Eventually it became a national holiday to be celebrated on the third Sunday in June, all because of the love of one grateful daughter.



The Royal Treatment

Has your father ever made you feel like a prince or princess? Why not make him feel like a king on this special day? You'll need a Bible, colourful stickers, and a 2x24-inch strip of yellow construction paper. Tape the ends of the paper strip together to form a crown. What kind of father might wear a crown like this?



Read 2 Galatians 4: 4-7. According to these verses, who is our Heavenly Father? Let's make a special crown for our Heavenly Father. Put a sticker jewel on this crown for each thing in your life you want to thank God for (food, family etc.). On Father's Day, we give our fathers special presents. Give the crown to your Dad to make him feel like king for a day. What gifts can we give our Heavenly Father?

Sacrifices

A sacrifice is made when someone gives up something for the good of someone else. Can you think of a sacrifice your father has made for you?

Read these wonderful Bible stories of fathers and the sacrifices they made for their children.

Abraham: Gen. 18:18,19

Isaac: Gen. 26:12,13

Joshua: Josh. 24:15

Job: Job 1:5

As children of God, we all have another Father in our lives — our Heavenly Father. Read John 3:16 to discover a huge sacrifice that He made for us.

Fun with words: *ask your father for help!*

See how many words you can create using the letters in "Heavenly Father" and the letters in "Sacrifice". I found 30 — see if you can do better!

[Click here](#) for the 30 words I found.

Father's Day Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for loving us and giving us our fathers. Thank you for the sacrifices you have made for us. You're awesome and we praise you for making us your children.

Amen

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