

## I'm Very Glad That He's My Dad

### PURPOSE

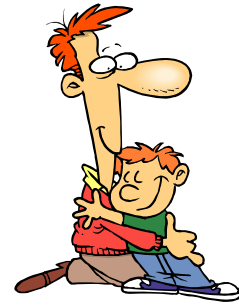
To give family members an opportunity to express appreciation to their earthly father and Heavenly Father

### MATERIALS

- Paper, crayons, pencils
- Game materials (for younger children)
- Story (for older children), ["The Strapless Dress"](#)

### SONG SUGGESTIONS

- "My Dad" page 211 in the *Children's Songbook*
- "Daddy's Homecoming" page 210 in the *Children's Songbook*



### LESSON IDEAS

1. Give family members a piece of paper and encourage them to draw or write down something their father does that they are very thankful for.
  - a. Allow family members to share what they drew or wrote.
2. Explain to your family that all of us have two fathers. Help them understand that their earthly father is the father of their bodies and Heavenly Father is the father of their spirits.
  - a. Have them draw or write down something Heavenly Father does that they are thankful for.
  - b. Allow them to share what they drew or wrote.
  - c. Testify that Heavenly Father is just as real as their earthly father and loves them deeply.
3. Families with older children may want to read the following story and discuss the role a loving father plays in the lives of his children:
  - a. ["The Strapless Dress"](#) (*New Era*, Sep 1990, 44–46).
4. Help your family understand how important it is to express appreciation to both of their fathers for all they do.
  - a. Encourage family members to draw or write down something they will do this week to show appreciation and love to their earthly father and Heavenly Father. Challenge them to put what they wrote in a place where they can see it all week as a reminder.

### ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Make one of Dad's favorite desserts
- Play "Can You Draw Dad?" (below)



### “Can You Draw Dad?”

- **Object of the Game:** To be the first one to complete a stick figure drawing of dad
- **Ages:** Five and older
- **Materials Needed:** Paper, pencil, dice

1. Give each family member paper and pencils.
2. Each person is allowed to roll one of the dice. Each number on the die represents a body part of dad:
  - 1 = head and neck
  - 2 = body
  - 3 = arm
  - 4 = hand
  - 5 = leg and foot
  - 6 = happy face
3. As each person rolls one of the numbers he/she draws the corresponding body part. Numbers 3, 4, 5 will need to be rolled twice in order to draw both of the arms, hands and legs. Some body parts cannot be drawn until the needed part is drawn. For example, a person cannot draw an arm until he/she has drawn a body; a happy face cannot be drawn until a head is drawn.
4. The first person to complete his/her drawing is the winner and could be first in line for treats!