

GOD MADE MY  
**dad**

STORIES, SCRIPTURE & PRAYERS  
**for Father's Day**



**H**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!



God gave me a daddy  
to help me study

Barbra



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**

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

**PSALM 118:1**

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*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 his yummy  
pancakes.

Caitlyn



The thing  
I like  
most about  
my father  
is He makes  
the best food!  
(I just love food!)

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**



My dad is  
the best  
because  
hes 100 times  
my dad

**Heather**



I Love  
the way  
my daddy  
hangs  
with me.

**Tony**



# 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.

I like my  
daddy when he  
rides bikes  
with me.

**Caitlyn**  
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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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thank  
you god  
for my  
loving  
dad

Holly  
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