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**Series:** Father's Day  
Summer, Year 2, Lesson 2

# God is Our Father

**Take Home Point:** \*God is our father.

\*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. Leaders say the phrase and the children repeat it.

**Bible Event:** Matthew: 6:8-15

*Note: On this Father's Day, please be sensitive to every child, as some may not have a father. Yet, they can be thankful for a special man or male family member in their lives, such as a grandpa, uncle, caregiver, etc. You may want to discreetly discuss this with the child so they do not feel left out because they do not have a father.*

**We will help children know:**

- Jesus' father is God.
- God is our heavenly Father and he loves us and leads us.
- God has given some of us earthly fathers who help us grow up.

**We will help children feel:**




- Secure in knowing that God loves them and helps them.
- Thankful for their earthly father.

**We will help children do:**

- Participate in acting out the Bible Event.
- Eat a snack that reminds us of a father's love.
- Make a card to give to our father.
- Play a learning game called *Can A Father Do This?* and a movement game called *Follow the Leader*.
- Take home a copy of *God Talk at Home* to reinforce learning today's Take Home Point: \***God is our Father.**

**Kingdom Quest Year 2 - Lesson 2 - 1**

# THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
<b>Warm-Up</b> (5-10 minutes)	3	Transition Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>toys of your choice</li> </ul>
<b>Large Group Opening</b> (5-10 minutes) 	3  3	Sing (Optional)  Puppet Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>songs of your choice</li> <li>Judy puppet</li> <li>small ball</li> </ul>
<b>Small Group Application</b> (10 minutes—each activity) 	7  10  11  12	Activity 1: Acting Out Bible Event  Activity 2: Snack  Activity 3: Craft  Activity 4: Learning Game Movement Game	<i>Activity 1: Bible Event</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>children's picture Bible</li> </ul> <i>Activity 2: Snack</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>napkins</li> <li>cups of water</li> <li>square crackers</li> <li>squirt cheese or cut hearts from sliced cheese</li> </ul> <i>Activity 3: Craft</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>copies of Appendix A –you may want to fold into a booklet before class</li> <li>glue and glue sticks</li> <li>pieces to decorate (buttons, small pieces of material, canceled postage stamps, stickers, etc.)</li> <li>crayons or markers</li> </ul> <i>Activity 4: Games</i> <i>Learning Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>none</li> </ul> <i>Movement Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>option items: hula hoop, balls, rope, small stuffed animals, obstacle course</li> </ul>
<b>Large Group Wrap-Up</b> (5-10 minutes) 	14  14/15  15	Review Lesson and Take Home Point  Pray  Sing (Optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>songs of your choice</li> </ul>

## **Warm-Up** (Prior to class and first 10 minutes of the session.)

*Young children this age need a time to get acquainted with the new surroundings as they enter the classroom. Provide a variety of calm activities and toys, such as blocks, play centers and simple puzzles. These activities create an environment that helps young children let go of Mom and Dad. If necessary, Mom and Dad may play with them for a few minutes and then leave.*

## **Large Group Opening** (5-10 minutes)



*Purpose: You may use singing as a large group activity and to gather attention. The opening puppet presentation is a quick overview introducing the Bible Event and Take Home Point. Early childhood humor is also used. Bubba often says something silly about elephants. Judy says something silly about pink ponies. Let the children enjoy the "joke" but use it to call attention to the Bible Event.*

**Singing:** Use music of your choice.

## **Puppet Presentation**

*Supplies:*

- children's picture Bible
- small ball

### **Judy Learns About Her Heavenly Father**

**Presenter:** Boys and girls, let's call out Judy.

Kids call for Judy. **Judy...Judy...Judy.** Judy comes out holding a small ball.

Judy: Hi, everyone.

**Presenter:** Hi, Judy. What do you have?

Judy: I have a new ball. It is very special.

**Presenter:** Why is it special, Judy?

Judy: Because my daddy gave it to me and he's going to play catch with me.

**Presenter:** Oh, that does make it very special. You are very blessed to have a daddy who loves you and plays catch with you.

Judy: My daddy is the best! Sometimes he even plays pink ponies with me.

**Presenter:** Wow, you do have a special daddy, Judy. Did you know that this is Father's Day?

Judy: What do you do on Father's Day?

**Presenter:** You give your dad a present he will really like.

Judy: Maybe I could give him my pink pony!

**Presenter:** I think there is even a better present you could give him.

Judy: Better than a pink pony? Is it a ball?

**Presenter:** No. Make a special card for him. That's what we will do today. It will tell your daddy that you love him. Show card from the craft activity.

Judy: I think he would like that.

**Presenter:** Father's Day is very special. Did you know that not everyone has a father on earth? But, did you know everyone has a heavenly Father?

Judy: Who is that?

**Presenter:** He is our Father in heaven. He is God. He is Jesus' Father.

Judy: Does he play ball and pink ponies with us?

**Presenter:** No. But he helps us in other ways. He helps our bodies grow; he helps us learn things; and he helps us follow him so we can grow up to be good and kind people.

Judy: So, God is my daddy, too?

**Presenter:** Yes, he is your heavenly "daddy." God wants us to know that he loves us. He loves us so much that he gave his Son Jesus to the world. We can all be called children of God the Father. He gives us everything we need. He is with us all the time, even if we cannot see him.

Judy: He sounds like a great daddy.

**Presenter:** He is just what we need. Did you know that Jesus even taught us a special prayer to say to him? It is called "The Lord's Prayer" or "The Our Father." We will talk about it later in the Bible Event.

Judy: Can I pray, too?

**Presenter:** You sure can. I'll say the words first; you and the rest of the kids repeat after me.

Traditional prayer is below divided into short phrases. Speak the phrase, then pause and wait for the children to repeat it. Then continue.

**Our Father,  
Who art in heaven.  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come;  
Thy will be done,  
On earth,  
As it is in heaven.  
Give us this day  
Our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive  
Those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory.  
Amen.**

**Let's practice the Take Home Point. I'll say it first and you repeat after me: \*God is our Father. God is our Father.**

**Judy, will you help us sing our song of the week?**

Judy: Sure, I love to sing.

**Song:** to the tune of *Frère Jacques*

*Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.*

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Let's fold our hands and say a prayer. Repeat after me.

Dear God, Dear God,

You are with us. You are with us.

We love you. We love you.

You are our Father. You are our Father.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

In Jesus' name. In Jesus' name.

Amen. Amen.

# Small Group Application (30-40 minutes)



**Purpose:** Young children learn best by repetition. Review the Bible Event and practice the Take Home Point as you rotate through the activities.

The shepherd to child ratio for three-year-olds should be one to six or fewer. Divide into groups of six with one shepherd or have a slightly larger group with two shepherds.

Groups rotate from activity to activity. Another option, especially for larger churches, is to provide a leader at each activity table with a shepherd leading a group of up to twelve. The ratio will be maintained at one to six.

## Activity 1: Acting Out the Bible Event

*Supplies:*

- children's picture Bible

### Our Father in Heaven

#### Introduction

**This is the Bible. It is God's word. Let's act out what it says in the Bible. When you see me do the actions, you do them too.**

#### Jesus learns from his earthly father.

- **Jesus has a Father in heaven. Jesus also had a father on earth. His father on earth was Joseph. Joseph took care of Jesus and their family. Joseph taught Jesus many things. He taught him to get water from the well. Let's pretend to pull a bucket of water up from a well.**
- **Joseph taught Jesus to make things out of wood. Let's pretend to hammer a nail into a board.**
- **Joseph taught Jesus how to say his prayers. Let's kneel down, bow our heads and fold our hands like we do when we pray.**

#### Jesus teaches us to pray.

- **When Jesus lived on earth, he taught people how to pray to his Father, God. He taught this special prayer. Maybe you have learned it at home.**

The Lord's Prayer will be spoken through once (choose the version of your church's choice).

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Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done,  
On earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory.  
Amen.

### Acting out the Lord's Prayer.

- Let's act out what this prayer means. We can pray to our Father who lives in heaven. Let's point to heaven. He lives in heaven and here, although we cannot see him. Let's point all around us.
- We pray that his name would be very special among us. When we say it, we think about how wonderful God is. Let's use our special voice and say "God." God.
- Someday, we can be with him in heaven. When we believe, he will actually live in our hearts, and be with us always! Let's point to our hearts.
- We also pray that God will help us do just what he wants us to. He wants us to be kind to others. Can we find someone to be kind to and pat them gently on the back?
- We pray that God would give us food to eat, enough for every day. Let's pretend we are eating a sandwich. Let's pretend we are eating our cereal. Let's pretend we are eating an apple.
- We pray that God would forgive us when we've done things that are wrong. That means we will still be his children. Let's hug ourselves and think about how much God loves us.
- We pray that God will help us when people do bad things against us. We pray that God will help us not hit them back or be mean to them when we are hurt.
- When we think about doing something bad, God will help us turn around and walk away. Let's turn around and walk away.
- Let's pray for help when someone says to do something wrong. God please help us to close our ears (hands over ears) and shake our heads "no."
- Then let's tell God that he is the King of everything. Let's put a crown on our heads. Then, let's tell God he is powerful. Can we show our big muscles? Then, let's tell God he is the best of all. Let's spread our arms out wide.



## Father's Day Special.

Today is Father's Day. We remember we have a Father in heaven. We can pray to him just like Jesus taught us to. We may also have a father in our family... or other special men like grandpas, uncles and cousins that mean a lot to us. We want to tell them we love them and are thankful that God gave them to us.

### Pray, Sing and Review the Take Home Point

#### Prayer:

Let's fold our hands and say a prayer. Repeat after me.

Dear God, Dear God,

You are with us. You are with us.

We love you. We love you.

You are our Father. You are our Father.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

In Jesus' name. In Jesus' name.

Amen. Amen.

Let's sing our song of the week.

**Song:** to the tune of *Frère Jacques*

*Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.*

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YES, he WILL.

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#### Take Home Point:

Let's practice the Take Home Point. I'll say it first and you repeat after me: \*God is our Father. God is our Father.

## Activity 2: Snack

Supplies:

- *napkins*
- *cups and water*
- *square crackers*
- *squirt cheese; option (cut hearts out of sliced cheese)*

BE AWARE OF ANY FOOD ALLERGIES CHILDREN MAY HAVE  
BEFORE YOU GIVE THEM ANYTHING TO EAT.

Today we are going to eat a snack that will remind us of our daddy's love. Before we eat our snack, let's fold our hands and say a prayer. Repeat after me.

Dear God, Dear God,  
You are with us. You are with us.  
We love you. We love you.  
You are our Father. You are our Father.  
Thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you.  
In Jesus' name. In Jesus' name.  
Amen. Amen.

Our heavenly Father is God. He loves us very much. A heart reminds us of love.

Pass out a napkin and cup of water to each child.

I am going to give each of you a cracker and then I will draw a cheese heart on it. The heart will remind us of our father's love.

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## Activity 3: Craft

*Children take pride in making something themselves. Resist trying to do too much for children so that they can say, "I did it myself."*

*Supplies:*

- *copy Appendix A for each child*
- *decorating items (buttons, scraps of masculine material, bits of colorful paper, canceled postage stamps, stickers, etc.)*
- *glue sticks*
- *glue*
- *crayons or markers*

Fold the Appendix into a card prior to class.

**Daddies are very special people. They like to read to us. They like to play games with us. Sometimes daddies act silly. Today we are going to make a card for our father or special man for Father's Day. You can give the card to your father or a special man that you love. Have fun gluing and coloring it any way you want to.**

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**Let's pray now. Fold your hands and repeat after me:**

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**You are with us. You are with us.**

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**Thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you.**

**In Jesus' name. In Jesus' name.**

**Amen. Amen.**

## Activity 4: Games

Choose one or both games to play. Children with lots of wiggles should play the Movement Game first.

### Learning Game

Supplies:

- none

Today we are going to play a game called *Can A Father Do This?* After you answer the questions, you can do the actions.

1. Can a father give you a big hug? Yes, he can! Give yourself a big hug.
2. Can a father teach you to drive when you are old enough? Yes, he can! Let's honk our horn.
3. Can a father read you a book? Yes, he can! Let's pretend to turn the pages of a book.
4. Can a father give you a piggyback ride? Yes, he can! Let's pretend we are giving someone a piggyback ride.
5. Can a father take you to the park? Yes, he can! Let's go round and round like the merry-go-round.
6. Can a father take you to a restaurant? Yes, he can! Let's pretend to eat our dinner.
7. Can a father take you fishing? Yes, he can! Let's pretend to cast our fishing pole into the lake.
8. Can a father buy you an ice cream cone? Yes, he can. Let's lick our ice cream cone.
9. Can a father take you swimming? Yes, he can. Let's move our arms like we are swimming.
10. Can a father teach you to say your prayers? Yes, he can! Let's say, "Thank you, Dad, for all you do."

### Movement Game

Supplies:

- Option: include the use of objects: hula hoop, beanbags, rope, balls, stuffed toys, etc.

Have the children sit in a line or large circle.

We are thankful that God gives us dads because they can help teach us how to do special things. They are our example or leader. They show us how to live life and be like them.

We are going to play a game where you will follow my example. When I call your name, you come and do what I do. The name of the game is *Follow the Leader*.

**For example: Aaron** (call a child's name.), **come and kick the beach ball.** Child comes and kicks the beach ball.

Use a variety of activities that kids can do. They will be excited to hear their names called so that they can come out and do something. Use your imagination in creating activities or challenges the children can accomplish. For example: hopping, skipping, crawling, running, walking backwards, etc. If you have the equipment and time, use the items in the supply list for activities using toys. For example: roll the hula hoop, toss the beanbag, etc.

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Amen. Amen.

# Large Group Wrap-Up (5-10 minutes)



## Lesson Review:

Presenter reviews the lesson by supplying key parts of the lesson with some words left out. Children are to supply the key words as the presenter shares the Bible Event.

**See if you know the word I'm thinking of when I tell the Bible Event. If you know it, you may say it out loud without raising your hand.**

**Who is our heavenly Father? (*God.*) Jesus taught us to pray to our Father in heaven. How did this prayer begin? (*Our Father, who art in heaven...*) Do we still say this prayer today? (*Yes.*) Repeat the prayer after me.**

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## Lesson Prayer:

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## Take Home Point:

Let's practice the Take Home Point. I'll say it first and you repeat after me: \*God is our Father. God is our Father.

*Lead the children in singing songs from a CD until parents begin arriving. Let parents know that they are welcome to join in. Dismiss by handing out God Talk at Home.*

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