

The background features abstract, flowing waves in shades of red, orange, and yellow, creating a sense of movement and energy. The waves are layered and semi-transparent, giving a dynamic and modern feel to the design.

FATHERS

A user guide

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE



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FATHERS IN OUR SOCIETY

- Being **a responsible father** means doing things like organising their child's doctor appointments, arranging for a babysitter, buying their back to school supplies, or making sure they clean their teeth.
- **A remembering father** will regularly be thinking about their child.
- **A nurturing father** will feed their child, give them a bath, buy clothes for them, and take them to the doctor's.
- **An affectionate father** will regularly give their child hugs and kisses and let them know they are loved.
- **Interactive fathers** play with their child, communicate with them and express ideas, positive emotions and free thoughts.
- The **provider/protector father** ensures they are providing for their family and that they are safe.
 - https://www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/father_inclusive_practice.pdf



FATHERS IN THE BIBLE

Let's have a look at some fathers in the bible.

We've all heard of our forefathers..

I've picked 5 fathers to have a look at.

After that we will look at some verses that give instruction to and about fathers.

FATHERS IN THE BIBLE 1- NOAH

- **Noah**

- Lived in a world full of sin
- Was instructed by God to do something never done before
- Raised his family, built the ark and was saved from the flood

- **Genesis.9**

[1] And God blessed **Noah** and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

[8] And God spake unto **Noah**, and to his sons with him, saying,

[17] And God said unto **Noah**, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

[18] And the sons of **Noah**, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan.

[19] These are **the three sons of Noah:** and of them was the whole earth overspread.

Noah followed God's instructions.

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(See Genesis 6-8)

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IT WAS ONLY AFTER NOAH FINISHED HIS ARK PROTOTYPE THAT HE FINALLY ADMITTED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT A CUBIT WAS

FATHERS IN THE BIBLE 2- ABRAHAM

- Father Abraham
 - His faith was counted for righteousness
 - He Left his country, Believed God's promise that he would have a son, Was prepared to obey God and sacrifice his son

- [Gen.17](#)

[5] Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be **Abraham**; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

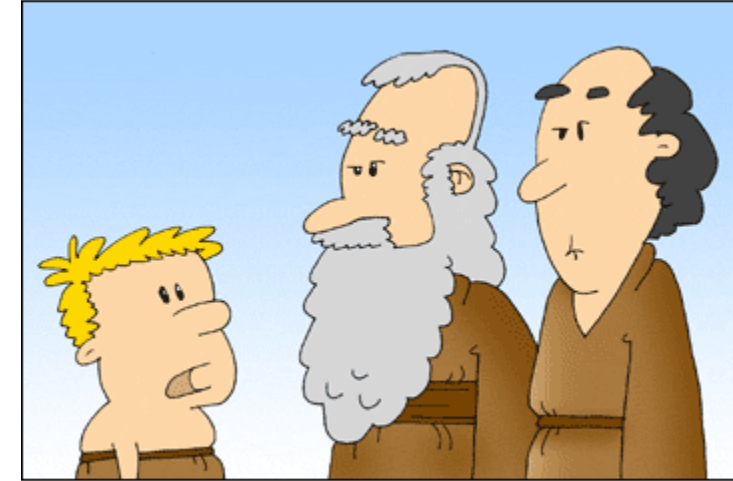
- [Matthew.1](#)

[1] The book of the generation of **Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.**

[17] So all the generations from **Abraham** to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

Abraham had faith and it was counted for righteousness

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Thanks to Mikel Rice

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WOW ABRAHAM ... YOU REALLY KNOW A LOT

FATHERS IN THE BIBLE 3- JOSEPH

Acted as Jesus earthly father, Trusted that God had visited Mary,
Helped to provide for and raise Jesus

- [Matthew.1](#)

[18] Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to **Joseph**, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

[19] Then **Joseph** her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

[20] But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, **Joseph**, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

[24] Then **Joseph** being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

- [Matthew.2](#)

[13] And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to **Joseph** in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

[19] But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to **Joseph** in Egypt,



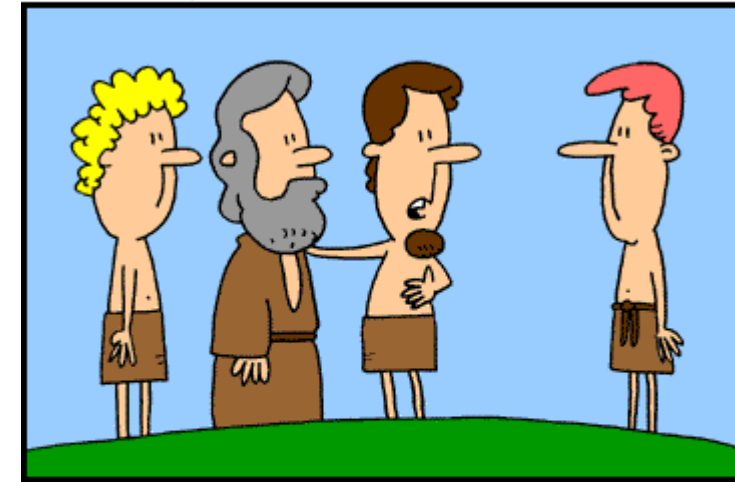
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AT LEAST WE CAN SAY THAT HE WAS BROUGHT UP IN A STABLE HOME

FATHERS IN THE BIBLE

4 - Father of the boy with an evil spirit

- Mark 9: [21] And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.
[22] And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.
[23] Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.
[24] And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, **Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.**

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I'M ACTUALLY SECOND PETER, THIS IS FIRST PETER TO MY LEFT AND THIRD PETER IS ON FIRST PETER'S LEFT ... YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE US AS WE ARE OUT OF ORDER AGAIN

FATHERS IN THE BIBLE

5-FATHER OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Luke 15: [20] And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

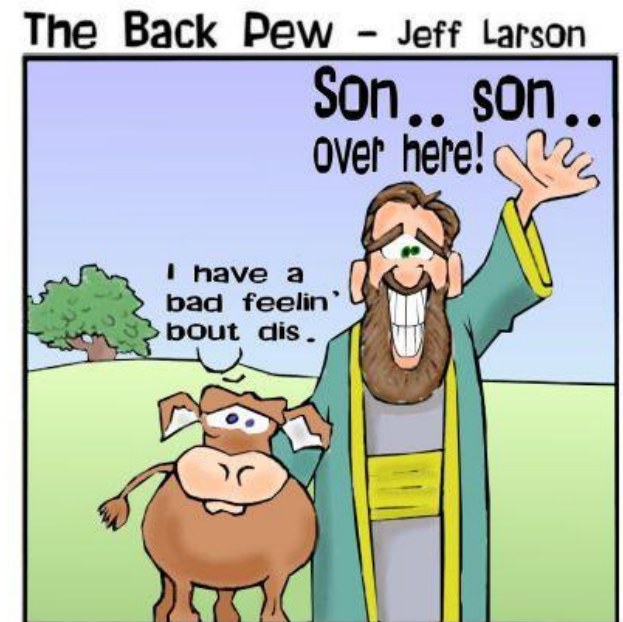
[21] And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

[22] But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

[23] And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

[24] For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

- Love your children always



The 'Prodigal Son' returns and suddenly the life of the fatted family calf flashes before his teary eyes. **Luke 15:11-32**

A FATHER'S ROLE

- **Exodus 20: [12]** Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- **Genesis 18:[18]** Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?
[19] For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.
- **Psalms 128:[1]** Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways.
[2] For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.
[3] Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.
[4] Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.

FATHERS AND DISCIPLINE

Chastising

- **Ephesians.6:[4]** And, ye fathers, **provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.**
- **Colossians 3: [21]** Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, **lest they be discouraged.**
- **Proverbs 3: [11]** My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:
[12] For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.
- **1 Thessalonians 2: [11]** As ye know how we **exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,**
[12] That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.
- Exhort (invite or urge) comfort (encourage, console) and charge (correct)

BEING LIKE GOD THE FATHER

- **Deuteronomy 1: [30]** The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes;
[31] And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that **the LORD thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went**, until ye came into this place.
- **Psalms 103: [13]** Like as a father pitieth his children, so **the LORD pitieth them that fear him**.
- **Psalms 127: [1]** Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.
[2] It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.
[3] Lo, **children are an heritage of the LORD**: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.
[4] As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.
[5] **Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them**: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

CHILDREN LISTEN TO YOUR FATHERS

- **Proverbs 23:** [22] **Hearken unto thy father** that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.
- **Proverbs 4:**[1] Hear, ye **children, the instruction of a father**, and attend to know understanding.
[2] For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.
[3] For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.
[4] He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: **keep my commandments, and live.**

GOD THE MOST LOVING FATHER

- **Romans 10:[9]** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

[13] For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
- **John 3: [16]** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

IN SUMMARY - EXAMPLES

- Examples of Fathers
 - Follow God's instructions (Noah)
 - Have faith in the promises God has given us (Abraham)
 - Be prepared to take up the challenges God gives us (Joseph)
 - Care for your children and ask God for assistance to look after them (Man with the demonized son)
 - Always be ready to receive and help your children (prodigal son)

IN SUMMARY - INSTRUCTIONS

- The Role of a father
 - Honour your father (and your mother)
 - Command your children to keep the way of the Lord in justice and judgement
 - Fear the Lord and walk in His ways
- Discipline
 - Correct but do not provoke or discourage children
 - Exhort (invite or urge) comfort (encourage, console) and charge (correct)
- Being like God the Father
 - Carry your children
 - Pity your children
 - Enjoy them as a heritage
- Children listen to your fathers
 - Harken to your father. Keep God's commandments and live