

HOW TO BE A GREAT DAD

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BIG IDEA: How to be a Great Dad—Lessons from Jesus and His Father.

“The Holy Spirit came to rest on him in the form of a dove. A voice came from heaven. “You are my Son, and I love you. I am very pleased with you.” **Luke 3:22** NIV

1. Express your _____ in them.

2. Speak your _____ to them.

“Affirming words from moms and dads are like light switches. Speak a word of affirmation at the right moment in a child’s life and it’s like lighting up a whole roomful of possibilities.” **Gary Smalley**

“Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I know that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” **John 11:41-42**

3. Take time to _____ to them.

“Listening is a magnetic and strange thing, a creative force. The friends who listen to us are the ones we move toward. When we are listened to, it creates us, makes us unfold and expand.” **Karl Menninger**

“Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply.”
Stephen Covey

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” **Luke 22:42**

“even though he was a wonderful Son, he learned to listen and obey through all his sufferings.” **Heb. 5:8** TPT

4. Don’t always protect them from _____ and/or _____.

5. _____ together with them.

“My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working... the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.” **John 5:17, 19-20**

“Life is relationships. The rest is just details.” **Gary Smalley**

WHAT TO DO WITH THIS?

—If you weren’t fathered this way, there is forgiveness, release, and healing for your hurts. But, you will also have to Unlearn what you have learned. Forgiving starts it. “Forgive 70 times 7.” **Matthew 18:21-22** CSB

—This is who God is to you. (John 20:17)

—For Dads of all ages, step up, step in. (Eph. 6:4)