



# FATHER'S DAY OBJECT LESSONS

## OREOS

### Items needed:

Oreos

Is there someone here this morning who loves Oreos?

*Choose a volunteer.*

I want to test your patience this morning. Hold out your hand in front of you with the Oreo in your hand. I want you to look at that Oreo for a full minute. DO NOT eat it until the minute has passed.

*Start a timer and count off one minute.*

How hard was it not to eat that Oreo?

If I wasn't here, and no one else was here watching you, would you have eaten the Oreo?

Okay, eat your Oreo!

Patience isn't easy, is it? That's what makes it a super power. When our Dads show us patience and forgiveness, they're really showing us how patient and forgiving the Lord is. Whether your super dad is your dad, your step-dad, your grandpa, or even your mom, I hope all of you will tell them you love them and say, "Thanks for being so patient with me." They deserve our thanks and our love!

# DOLLAR BILL

## Items needed:

A worn out old dollar bill

Guys, I was going through my wallet this morning looking for money and I came across this old dollar bill. It's pretty old and worn out. It's really faded too. Looks like its crinkled and worn around the edges. It's certainly seen better days. I was thinking about just throwing it out, but before I do, I wonder... would any of you like this dollar?

Of course you would! We'd all love to have a dollar because dollars have value! A worn out, torn up, crumpled dollar like this is just as valuable as a crisp, fresh from the mint, brand new dollar bill. They never lose their value, and they are always a welcome sight.

That's the way it is with God. God never sees us as old or worn out or too far gone. God made us and he loves every one of us.

A good godly father sees his children the same way. You will always be able to come home because a godly father loves his children unconditionally.

Be sure to let your father know how much you love him. And tell your Heavenly Father as well, thanking him for the example we have in fathers who love Jesus.

# ERASER

## Items needed:

Dry erase board  
Dry erase markers  
An eraser

I want to ask you all a question. What are some things that we do that drive our dads crazy? Can you give me some examples?

*Write down the answers you hear. Get some serious ones, like breaking things in the house, and some funny ones, like teasing dad about his favorite sports team.*

We all do things that drive Dad crazy, don't we? We break things. We cause damage that costs dad money. We order food in restaurants that we don't eat. We mess up his favorite things in his man cave. And we tease him when his favorite team loses.

But you know what's great about Dads? Dads don't make lists like this. You won't find Dad's list of things that have made him mad lying around the house anywhere. A good dad knows that kids make mistakes because Dad makes them all the time himself. And when we admit our faults...

*Erase the board.*

Dad forgives and forgets.

Dads are there to guide us and teach us. They are there to help us learn to love God and our neighbors. But Dads have another important function: they remind us how much God loves us and how completely he forgives us. When we ask God's forgiveness, he wipes away our sins and he makes us like new.

If you are celebrating Father's Day with a great father figure, thank him for his forgiveness. But even if you're not, remember that you have a Heavenly Father who loves you unconditionally and will always forgive you – no matter what!

## TOOL KIT

### Items needed:

A tool kit

When something's broken around the house, you call for Dad, and when Dad hears something is broken, he reaches for his tool kit. A wise dad keeps a tool handy for any big job. From pliers to wrenches to hammers to screwdrivers, Philips and flat head, Dad has the tool to fix, tighten, and nail down just about everything.

Dads take care of a lot of things around the house. They do the heavy lifting when it's needed. They can also do the heavy discipline. They make sure the house is secure and locked up at night. They teach you responsibility. They know how to have fun, but they also know when to be serious and when to be strong.

Dads have a tough job, but they have a Father of their own in Heaven to guide them. A father is supposed to lead, to teach, and to comfort, but more importantly, he is supposed to model the love of God the Father to his children.

Fathers deserve our love and respect. Let's show them we love them this week with our actions and obedience as well as our words.

# TIES

## Items needed:

Ties

Who wants to win a prize for Dad this morning? I have prizes for the first three kids who can successfully tie a tie on themselves.

*Open it up to volunteers. You can have three ties going at once, but give each kid just one chance to do the tie. First three get a prize for dad - like a coupon for a free donut or something else cool.*

Where did you all learn to tie those ties?

We learn a lot of things from Dad, don't we? What's one useful thing your Dad taught you?

What's one gross thing that Dad taught you, something that probably got you both in trouble with Mom?

What's something valuable your Dad taught you?

Dads are special people. They can be crazy, playful, and a bit demanding. But at the end of the day, all Dads want the best for their kids. Dads have a lot to teach you. They were kids once, and they have insights into growing up. They also have lessons to share about work, family, God, and life in general. They love us, and there's nothing they wouldn't do for us.

God the Father showed us the ultimate example when he sent his Son to die for our sins. Let's thank God for the fathers we have, and pray that God will use them to teach us how to be people who live our lives for God!