

A script from



## “How to Talk to Your Dad”

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**What** Sample conversations with a father that parallel how we often approach our heavenly Father in prayer. **Themes:** Prayer, Sincerity, Relationship, Father

**Who**

The Lister	The Generic
The Name Dropper	The Verbose One
The Cliché User	The Unspoken
The Persuader	The Relationship

**When** Present

**Wear  
(Props)**

- A Comfortable Living Room Chair
- Newspaper
- Cup of coffee
- TV remote
- Cell phone
- A child’s painting

**Why** Matthew 6:5-9a

**How** Entrances need to be very quick. Act through the transitions when possible. Use the chairs as props only—not as places to sit and rest. Think about multiple levels. There’s a lot of dialogue that purposefully doesn’t naturally flow. Work it out and make sure you "act" through the pauses.

**\*NOTE:** There are two possible endings to this script. If you choose the Daddy and Young Daughter option, the actors must be a real life father and daughter and the Young Daughter must be a child around 7-9 years old. Anything other than that might come off "creepy". That ending should not be performed by a youth drama team.

**Time** Approximately 5-7 minutes

*Stage lights up; Dad is stage right using his remote to flip stations.*

"The Lister"

**The Lister:** *(Enters stage right)* Hey Dad.

**Dad:** *(Flipping stations with a TV remote)* Hi, Gina!

**The Lister:** I thought I'd set aside this time so we could...talk.

**Dad:** That would be great! *(Puts remote away energetically)* I really love hearing from you.

**The Lister:** Today, I ask you to... *(count of the following with your finger)* let me borrow your camera, give me an iPad, and drop me off at the mall before dinner...

**Dad:** Um, how was your day?

**The Lister:** Ask mom to make tacos for dinner, go to my game this Saturday, and tell my brother to stay out of my room...

**Dad:** Well, are you doing okay?

**The Lister:** Take me and my boyfriend *(or girlfriend, if appropriate)* to the movies after dinner and finally, help me with my math homework.

**Dad:** I'd love to spend a little time with...

**The Lister:** *(Interrupts abruptly)* That's it, Dad. Thanks. Glad we had this little talk. *(Pats Dad on the back and exits stage right.)*

**Dad:** Uh, sure. Love you. *(Exits stage right.)*

"The Name Dropper"

**The Name Dropper:** Father! Hey, Father.

**Dad:** That's my name! *(Raises coffee cup)* Hey Sweetheart!

**The Name Dropper:** Father, I wanted to come here today, Father, to ask you to help me, Father.

**Dad:** Well, I am your dad.

**The Name Dropper:** Father, I need your advice, Father. You see, Father, I have this problem, Father, that I can't, Father, figure out on my

own, Father. So, I thought Father, that I would see if you, Father, have any experience, Father, in this area?

**Dad:** What's up, hon?

**The Name Dropper:** See Father, my boss, Father, is being really unreasonable, Father. Father, he's not letting me present, Father, the proposal, Father! Even though, Father, I did most of the work, Father! Father, it's really unfair, Father! Father, what should I do, Father?

**Dad:** Did he give you any reason why someone else was chosen?

**The Name Dropper:** Father, he said, Father, that I made the client, Father, uncomfortable. Father, can you believe that, Father? (*Deliver the following line to the audience*) Something, Father, about repeating myself, Father?

### "The Cliché User"

**Dad:** Hi, there!

*The Cliché User speaks with air quotes throughout her dialogue.*

**The Cliché User:** (*Enters stage right*) Dear Father, just "thank you for this day." I'm going to go to the mall for "a time of fellowship" with some friends. Can I just borrow the car?

*Dad hands her the keys.*

**The Cliché User:** And could you just provide "traveling mercies" and "a hedge of protection" as I go? Can I also just have \$10 for dinner?

*Dad hands her a \$10 bill.*

**The Cliché User:** And if you will, please, just "bless the food to the nourishment of our bodies." Oh, and also just "bless the hands that prepared it." Just "be with" mom while I'm gone. I just want to say, "thank you." Bye, Dad. (*Exits stage right*)

**Dad:** (*Dad steps up to the edge of the stage and speaks with air quotes*) "What?"

### "The Persuader"

**The Persuader:** Dad, I wanted to say thank you for all you've done.

- Dad:** Oh, it's my pleasure.
- The Persuader:** For everything you've done, thank you so much. I have so much gratitude in my heart. I'm incredibly indebted to you. I'll never know how much I really owe you. I'm much obliged to you. Thank you, Dad.
- Dad:** You're welcome, kiddo.
- The Persuader:** And please, guide me in my choices.
- Dad:** Ab-so-lute-ly!
- The Persuader:** I need fatherly advice, so direct me. Please, just lead me in the way I should go. Lead me on the right path, the correct path, the path that you think is best. Advise me. Teach me. Lend me your knowledge and experience.
- Dad:** Sure.

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**ENDING:**

*\* Confession of weakness*

- The Relationship:** I don't want to do it! It's just so tempting. I really want this job ("*to play*")! I need this job.
- Dad:** I do understand. I can completely sympathize. But remember what I taught you and I promise, it will help you do the right thing.

*\* Confession*

- The Relationship:** I know. To make matters worse, I've been talking to my girlfriend (*or "boyfriend,"*) about it. And every time I do, I rip Richards to shreds. Then, I feel so guilty. I know you taught me better than that. Forgive me?
- Dad:** Of course, I forgive you.
- The Relationship:** (*Chuckles a little*) You always do, don't you? One of these days I'll quit doing so many things that need forgiveness!
- Dad:** I'm waiting for that day!

*Both laugh.*

*\*Petition*

**The Relationship:** Dad, I was thinking. Maybe, I could write out what I want to say to my boss (*or coach*). It might make me a little bolder and more comfortable talking to him. Would you help me?

**Dad:** I'd be glad to. Grab some paper and a pen from the kitchen.

*\*Thanksgiving*

**The Relationship:** (*Gets up to go but turns around first*) Thanks, Dad.

**ENDING OPTION #2- Must be a real life father and daughter. The daughter should be a child, 7 or 8 years old.**

**The Relationship:** Daddy!! (*Run from stage left to Dad and hugs him*)

**Dad:** (*Swing her back and forth*) Hey, peanut!

*\*Refuge*

**The Relationship:** Can I sit on your lap?

**Dad:** Sure, baby. Climb up here. (*Climbs up and snuggles in.*)

*\*Worship*

**The Relationship:** I love your arms, Daddy.

**Dad:** Why's that?

**The Relationship:** Cause they give the best hugs! I like your hands, too. (*Put hands against each other.*)

**Dad:** Oh, really?

*\*Worship*

**The Relationship:** Yup! They're so big compared to mine.

**Dad:** That's true.

*\*Service*

**The Relationship:** Did you know I made a picture today? (*Jumps down to pick up a picture*)

**Dad:** Let me see!

**The Relationship:** *(Shows it to Dad and the audience)* Do you like it, Daddy?  
It's for you! Do my drawings make you happy?

**Dad:** They sure do. I think you should definitely keep making me artwork.

**The Relationship:** *(Climbs back in his lap)* If it makes you smile, I'll make you lots!

**Dad:** Did you enjoy the playground this morning?

**The Relationship:** Um...kinda.

**Dad:** Only "kinda?"

*\*Honesty/Emotions*

**The Relationship:** Well, the swings were fun! But...Billy wouldn't let me go down the slide first. He hurt my feelings.

**Dad:** I'm so sorry. I know what it feels like to have someone hurt your feelings.

*\*Confession*

**The Relationship:** After a while, I wasn't sad anymore. I was really, really mad! So, I called him a "poo-poo head!"

**Dad:** Uh, oh.

**The Relationship:** Now, I'm sorry I did that. I know you told me to only say kind things to others. Forgive me?

**Dad:** You're forgiven. But you'll have to make it right with Billy tomorrow.

*\*Petition*

**The Relationship:** I will. Will...will you come with me and help me talk to him?

**Dad:** Sure. I'll help you figure out exactly what to say.

*\*Thanksgiving and Adoration*

**The Relationship:** Thank you, Daddy. I love you.

*\*Receiving Affirmation*

**Dad:** I love you, too.

*Lights out. The end.*