

A script from



“Questions Without Answers: Father’s Day Edition”

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- What** Ever wonder what dads in the Bible were like? Probably not that much different than dads of today. This is a Reader’s Theatre celebrating dads!
Themes: Father’s Day, Fatherhood, Gratitude
- Who** Reader 1
Reader 2
Reader 3
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** Black folders for each Reader
- Why** Proverbs 23:24
- How** Especially on the short lines, the pace should be rather fast, and readers should pick up their cues quickly.
- Time** Approximately 4 minutes

Readers enter the stage and address the audience.

Reader 1: The Bible gives us hundreds of glimpses into relationships between fathers and their children. Some of those relationships are beautiful and inspirational, while others are...complicated.

Reader 2: For every one we see, there are hundreds more we can only wonder about. And there are a LOT of things to wonder about.

Reader 3: Don't you wish we could talk to those fathers and get some answers?

Reader 2: For instance, when did Samson first beat his father at arm wrestling?

Reader 1: Did Noah's dad ever help him build a ship in a bottle?

Reader 3: How many times did Jonah's pop take him fishing?

Reader 1: Did Jesse ever fuss at David for flinging rocks against the side of the house?

Reader 2: Did Ur ever find Abram standing outside at night trying to count the stars?

Reader 3: Did Zebedee ever threaten to "turn this wagon around" if James and John didn't stop fighting in the backseat?

Reader 2: Did Joshua's dad, Nun, encourage him to take trumpet lessons?

Reader 1: It would be nice to know those answers. And if we ponder for a while, there are some deeper, more thoughtful questions we'd like to ask.

Reader 3: How did Zechariah feel when John the Baptist moved away from home into the desert?

Reader 2: What did David tell Solomon when he asked him how he met his mother, Bathsheba?

Reader 1: Did Abraham ever explain to Isaac what had been going on after he almost sacrificed him on Mount Moriah?

Reader 2: What did Noah say to his sons as they stepped out of the ark into a world washed clean by floodwaters?

Reader 3: Did Joseph ever find Jesus sitting on the steps of the wood shop quietly looking at a handful of nails?

Readers all thoughtfully look at one of their own hands, then at each other, then resume.

Reader 3: We can ask all those questions, but we can't know the answers.

Reader 1: A lot of us still have the chance to pick up the phone or drive across town and ask our own fathers questions, though. Questions like...

Reader 2: When you were a kid, what was the hardest thing you faced?

Reader 3: Of all the people who've passed away, who do you miss the most?

Reader 1: What did you learn while working your first job?

Reader 3: What was it like when you first met my mom?

Reader 2: What makes you cry?

Reader 1: When you were growing up, what's the smartest thing you learned from YOUR dad?

Reader 3: What do you pray about?

Reader 2: Some of these questions aren't easy to ask or answer, but the conversation is worth it.

Reader 3: God is our heavenly father, perfect and holy.

Reader 1: Even the best fathers can't reach that standard, but we are grateful that many of them still reflect God's goodness to us.

Reader 3: Say a prayer for the fathers in your life today.

Reader 2: Spend a pleasant afternoon visiting or talking on the phone.

Reader 3: Fathers, in a culture that doesn't give you your due,

Reader 1: We say thanks.

Reader 2: We honor you.

Reader 3: And we will live our lives for Christ, to make true the words of Proverbs 23:24:

Reader 1: The father of a godly child has cause for joy!

Readers close scripts and exit.