

WHAT'S GOD LIKE? FATHER'S LOVE

**Key Verse: 2 Corinthians 6:18 (NIV)**

*'I will be a Father to you,
and you will be my sons and daughters,
says the Lord Almighty.'*

Key Verse: 1 John 3:1 (NIV)

*'See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we
should be called children of God! And that is what we are!'*

A-DAH

My son Judah is nearly two now, and he's just started calling me Dad. Or to put it the way he does, A-Dah. That's close enough for me though! I love it when he calls me Dad. It's pretty special because no one else gets to call me Dad, just Judah, because he's my only child.

Only Judah has the right to call me Dad. A right that he takes very seriously at three in the morning. He doesn't care what time it is, he needs me, and although I might trip over his toys in the process, he knows I'll come. If you've invited Jesus into your life then God is your Father and you have the right to call him that.

Sometimes I think it's good to notice what bible verses don't say. What our key verse doesn't say is 'I will be LIKE a Father to you'. No, it says 'I will be a Father to you'. Maybe you

haven't had a good father. Well, don't worry because there's a father that wants you and He's the best father there is, he's the Lord Almighty! And just like Judah you can call on your Dad any time day or night. But unlike me, He won't come blurry eyed and grumpy.

SOMETHING TO DO

There's this great thing called The Father's Love Letter. It's a mixture of verses from the bible that God says to you. Why don't you read it together? You can find it either attached to this devotional or on our website: newlifechurch.me/kids



God the Father loves you! He loves you so much that He sent his one and only son to die for you. He did it so that you could become his child too. Paul spoke about it once when he said '...that he [Jesus] might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters' (Romans 8:29, NIV). God wasn't happy with just one child, He wanted to make his family bigger and to give them all the right to call Him Dad.

We're not just friends of God, we are children of God. We're accepted into the best family in the world, God's family. He's a good Father and just like me, when a new child starts to call him Dad he loves it!

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

- How does it make you feel to know that the almighty God is your father?
- How could you share the Father's love with others?

**PRAYER**

Thank you Father that you sent your son to die for me, so that I could become a child of God. Please help me to share your love with others today. Amen.