

What kind of Father is God?

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Mathew 6:9 (NIV) "This is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven..."

1. GOD IS A CARING FATHER

Psalm 104:13 (NIV) "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who honour Him..."

1 Peter 5:7 (NIV) "Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you!"

Matthew 6:31-32 (NIV) "So don't worry saying, 'What shall we eat? ... or what shall we wear?' ... Your heavenly Father knows you need these things."

2. GOD IS A CONSISTENT FATHER

James 1:17 (NIV) "Every good and perfect gift... is from the Father ... who does not change like shifting shadows."

2 Timothy 2:13 (NIV) "Even if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot disown Himself."

Romans 11:29 (LB) "God will never go back on His promises."

Psalm 59:10 (LB) "My God is changeless in His love for me."

3. GOD IS CLOSE

Acts 17:27 (NIV) "God did this so people would ... reach out for Him and find Him, since He is not far from each of us."

3.1. He is never too busy for us.

Psalm 145:18 (NIV) "The Lord is near to all who call on Him."

3.2. He loves to meet our needs.

Matt. 7:11 (NIV) "If you... know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!"

3.3. He is sympathetic to our hurts.

Psalm 34:18 (NIV) “The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

4. GOD IS A COMPETENT FATHER

Luke 1:37 (NIV) “For nothing is impossible with God.”

Ephesians 3:20 (LB) “(God) is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask to even dream of – infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes!”

John 14:6-7(NIV) “Jesus said, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you really knew Me, you would know My Father as well.”

Galatians 3:26 (LB) “We are children of God through faith in Jesus Christ.”

Sermon Discussion Guide

What kind of Father is God?

OPEN YOUR GROUP WITH A PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.

1. How do you feel when you hear the word father? Does it bring up positive or negative emotions?
2. Do you see God is the same way as your earthly father?
3. Do you believe that you can rely on God and that He cares about you?
4. In your relationship with God, does it feel like He is a father who is close by or does it feel like God is somewhere far away?