



tips for youth workers

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### **CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY FROM A SOCIAL DISTANCE**

June is here and we still find ourselves in isolation and keeping our distance from each other. Let's not forget to celebrate our dads, grandfathers and the men who influence our lives. Here are some ideas that you can use to help families in your ministry celebrate the men who are special in their lives:

- Connect with the children in your ministry. Video record them answering questions such as: What is your favourite memory of your dad? What is something your dad does really well? What is one thing you'd like to tell your dad today? How is your dad making this time of isolation of fun? Etc. Compile the video clips and share with the dads on Father's Day.
- Write dad (or a significant male role model) a note and let him know what you appreciate about him.
- Help dad with a chore around the home. Cut the grass, help fix something that's not working, help organize the basement or garage, clean your room – help clean his room.
- Using washable paint or markers create a sign for dad on a window so that it can be seen from the street.
- Make your dad a coffee or get someone to help you order and have a coffee delivered to him using a food delivery service. Then let him sit, enjoy his coffee and some quiet time.
- Does your dad have a favourite meal? Get someone to help you buy the supplies needed and celebrate him with his favourite meal that you helped to make.
- Did dad have a favourite game or board game as a kid? Spend time with him playing that game or today's' equivalent of the game.
- Spend some time going through old photos in photo albums (in print or on your computer), copy the ones that are special to you and make a slide show that celebrates your life together.
- Using sidewalk chalk write a giant-sized Father's Day greeting on the sidewalk or driveway outside your home. Hopefully it will encourage all the men who pass by and see the message.
- Get someone to help you set up an online meeting with the men who have been an influence in your life. Spend time with them sharing stories, dad-type jokes and expressing why they are each important to you.
- Using simple items around the home, create a gift for dad that will show him you appreciate him and that will remind him of these days of isolation. (i.e. take a roll of toilet paper, tie colourful ribbons around it and attach a special note of appreciation on it)
- Write a Father's Day prayer and share it with your dad and the men who are special to you.
- Take a picture of you and your dad celebrating Father's Day during these days of social distancing.