

Jesus called God "Father"

Today's reading is Matthew Chapter 18 15-20

It is also Father's Day in South Australia

Jesus often called God his Father. He had an earthly father too called Joseph. When Jesus was growing up he learned to be a carpenter from his father. I think he must have loved his earthly father as most children love their Dads. What has your Dad taught you? Maybe he helped you ride a bike or kick a ball. Perhaps he showed you how to make pancakes or put new plants in the garden. Did he teach you how to tie shoelaces?

We can learn from God too and call him Father like Jesus did. Jesus said he came to show us what God was like. He was loving and kind. He helped Jesus in times of trouble and Jesus often prayed to God to ask for help. In the Bible reading it says, *"I tell you that if two or three of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in Heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."*

We know that most Dads want good things for their children and God wants good things for children too.

Today's challenge is to show Dad how much you love him by being extra helpful and kind. What can you do that is special for your Dad?

**A story which includes a father's good advice is "The Empty Pot" read by Rami Malek.
Google this title and hear a beautiful story.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9K-sAKdk2Y>



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Here's a Father's Day message to make for your Dad to tell him how much you love him. Make one for your granddad too.

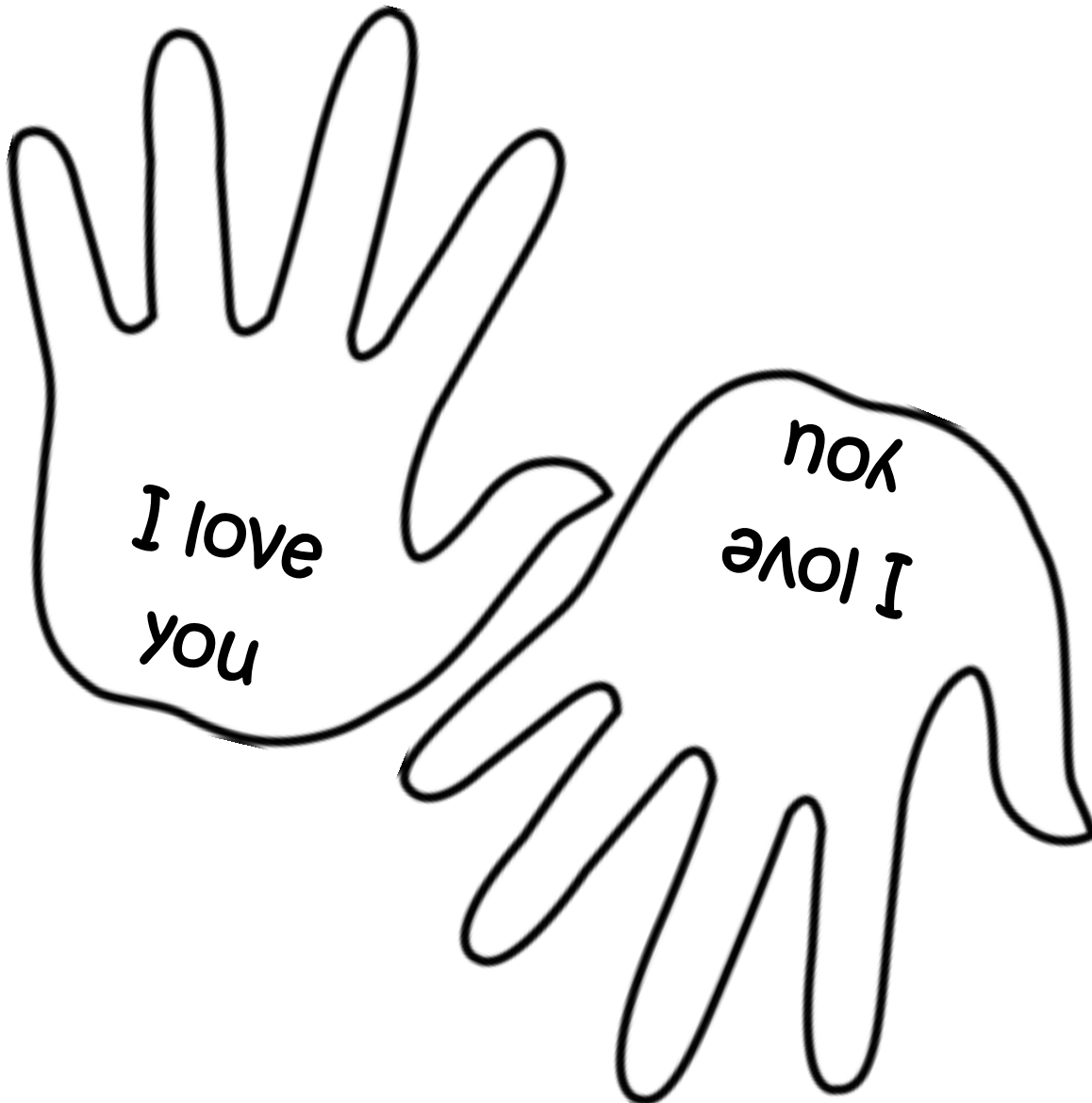
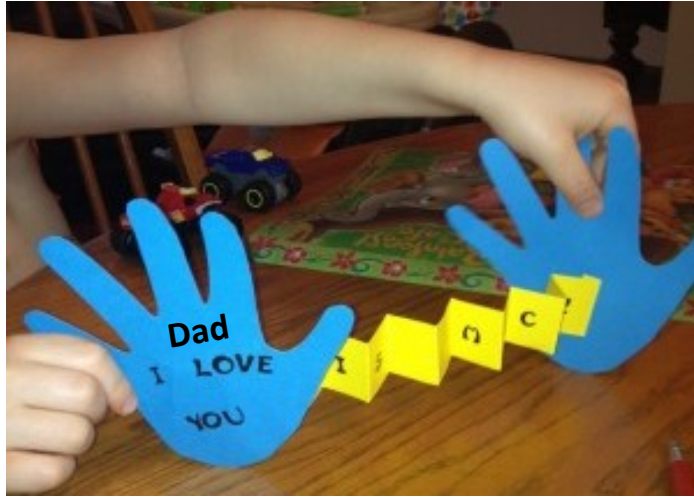
I Love you This Much...

You will need:

- 2 hand prints on card
- strip of card with 'THIS MUCH' printed on it
- scissors, glue sticks, felt pen
- *Optional:* stickers, stars and hearts to decorate

What to do:

- Print this page on coloured card. Print 2, on different colours, and mix the colours up. Use one for Dad and one for Grandpa.
- Cut out both hands and the strip on the side of this page.
- Write the name of the person who will receive the card on each hand, at the top of the palm. (Dad, Grandad, Grandpa...)
- Fold the strip of card concertina-wise so each letter is on a separate square.
- Glue one end of the strip to one hand and the other end to the other hand.
- Fold the strip so the two hands come together like a card.
- *Optional:* Decorate the hands and strip with stickers, stars and hearts.



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