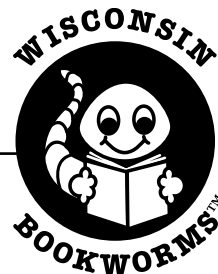


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Activity Sheet



Me and My Dad!

By Alison Ritchie, illustrated by Alison Edgson

In this warm funny celebration of the special bond between father and child, little bear and his dad do wonderful things. They explore high in the mountains, go swimming in the rain and tell stories as the stars come out. Best of all, they do everything together!

Before you read this book: Allow the children to pair up and talk with each other about a special person in their lives.

While you read this book: Emphasize rhythms and rhymes in stories. Give the children opportunities to repeat rhyming phrases.

Reading tip: Engage the children so they will actively listen to a story. Discuss what's happening, point out things on the page and answer the children's questions. Ask questions of your own and listen to their responses.

After you read this book: Discuss what the children like to do with their fathers or other role models — grandfather, older brother, uncle or family friend — in their lives.

Afterward have the children create picture frames. What you'll need: four Popsicle (craft) sticks for each child, glue and markers in an assortment of colors. Have the children begin by coloring patterns, shapes or any design they desire on each of the Popsicle sticks. Then glue the Popsicle sticks together forming a square shape.

While the picture frames are drying, have the children draw a picture of themselves with their father, uncle, grandpa or friend doing a favorite activity.

Try this at home! Have your child read the book at home with a role model — father, grandfather, big brother or family friend. Encourage the child to share the picture and frame with the reader, and have them talk about activities they enjoy doing with that person.

Reading aloud helps kids learn the alphabet and phonics in context rather than studying individual letters and sounds in a workbook. This way of learning is a more natural enjoyable approach, because kids learn as part of reading not as a separate activity. Plus, this activity will help strengthen relationships between children and role models in their lives.

Extend the learning with these books: *"Just Me and My Dad"* by Mercer Mayer; *"Up on Daddy's Shoulders"* by Matt Berry; *"The Ten Best Things About My Dad"* by Christine Loomis; *"Papa Please Get the Moon for Me"* by Eric Carle

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