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UP!

An Activity Guide for Toddlers and Preschoolers



PRE-READING

Ask the child: What do you like to do with your daddy? Where do you want him to take you? What's your favorite thing about your dad?



QUESTIONS TO ASK

What do you see?
Where are they going?
Which picture do you like best?
What do you like to play with your daddy?

What is the little girl doing?
This color is _____. Do you see another color?
Do you see any animals? What kind?



PLAY "I SPY" WITH UP!

Can you find: child on a sled alarm clock squirrel green chair
 apple slice teddy bear brown dog blue bird
 baby ducks lady bug rabbit flying shoe

What else can the child find?



ART PROJECTS

SCRAPBOOK: Using a camera (or camcorder) recreate scenes from the book with your child and his or her dad. Narrate the tape to match the text of the book. Or, create a parallel UP! scrapbook with photographs of your child swinging, riding on Daddy's shoulders, etc.

PAINTING: Using a paper plate have your child draw (or paint) a picture of themselves with their daddy doing their favorite thing. Or, have them draw a portrait of their dad. Paint the edges of the plate with brown paint to make it look like a frame. Hang on a prominent wall or give as a Father's Day present.



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ART PROJECTS (continued)

SPECIAL CARD: Create a special card (or video) just for dad. Ask your child to complete the following phrases and then have them find pictures in magazines that relate to add to the card. (Warning: these could be hilarious!)

I love Daddy because _____

Daddy likes to eat _____

Daddy likes to _____

Daddy is a great _____

This reminds me of Daddy because _____

Daddy's favorite place to go is _____

OR: Draw the trunk of a tree (or cut out of brown grocery bag) and have the child glue onto a large sheet of white paper. Then, have them press their thumb into ink or nearly dry paint to create the leaves. Print on the bottom: *Thanks for helping me grow!*

EASY GIFT: Using the new clay that dries without baking, have your child make a sculpture that winds around a pencil cup (plastic lemonade containers are perfect) for their dad's desk.



PRE-READING SKILLS

- After reading through the entire book at least once, flip back and read only the rhyming words. Exaggerate the different sounds, so your child can hear the difference. (This develops phonemic awareness, a building block to later reading skills.) Then, see if you can come up with other words (even nonsense words) that rhyme with the rhyming words in the text.
- Have your tot put his or her hands up in the air each time he or she hears the word UP!
- Choose any word from the story and then list other words that start with the same letter. For example: Dad. Dad begins with D, it makes the sound "d" so do the words dog, dear, doll, dig, etc. Maybe your child will think of some too!
- Make an ABC book based on all your child's favorite things to do. First, make the list, and then break out the camera for great action poses! Your child will love this one of a kind book where they are the star.
- Teach your tot the meaning of common prepositions. Up, on, under, next to, etc. Show them: Teddy is ON the table. Can you put teddy ON the steps? Can you put Teddy UNDER the bench? A great way to build a vocabulary and it will help them go find things!

