Father's Day Program for Church

About 25 minutes · order of service, parts, rehearsal plan, family note

Min.	Part	Who
1	**Welcome:** poem 1 "Welcome"	a preschooler
3	**Hymn:** This Is My Father's World	everyone
2	**Reading:** Ephesians 6:1–4 (KJV). A child reads verses 1–3, a dad or grandpa reads verse 4	a child + a dad
2	**Poems:** 2 "Thank You, God, for Dads", 3 "D-A-D", 4 "Grandpa's Crown"	three kids
6	**The play:** The Father Who Ran (the prodigal son, Luke 15:11–32)	narrator + cast
2	**Hymn:** Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (first verse and chorus)	everyone
2	**Poems:** 5 "Thank You for Caring", 6 "F-A-T-H-E-R", 7 "The Father Who Ran"	three older kids
4	**Devotional:** "He Saw, He Ran, He Gave" (Luke 15:20–22)	pastor or a dad
2	**Prayer for fathers:** every dad, grandpa and man who cares for a child stands; four kids read prayer cards, the pastor closes	four kids + pastor
1	**Finale:** poem 8 "God Is a Father to Us All", then every child says Joshua 24:15 ("...as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."). Kids give each man a verse card at the door	all the kids

The poems, play, devotional, prayer cards and verse cards are free at vbshq.com: Father's Day Poems for Church, Prodigal Son Play for Kids, Father's Day Devotional, Father's Day Prayer Cards and Father's Day Bible Verses. Both hymns are in the public domain.

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Rehearsal plan

3 weeks out: give out parts and poems, and send the family note home.
2 weeks out: first rehearsal, 20 minutes after Sunday school. Walk the play from spot to spot and practice the reading with your dad reader.
1 week out: second rehearsal in costume. Run the whole program once, prayer cards included.
Program day: arrive 30 minutes early. Set out the props, the verse cards in a basket by the door, and a row of chairs for the cast.

Parts

Child reader _____ Dad reader _____ Narrator _____
Father _____ Younger son _____ Older son _____
Citizen _____ Servants _____
Swine (the littlest ones) _____
Poems 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____
Prayer cards _____ _____ _____ _____ Song leader _____

Note for families (cut and send home)
Our children's Father's Day program is on _____ at _____.
Your child's part: _____
Costume (play only): a bathrobe or long shirt and a towel for the head. Please keep costumes modest.
Please practice the poem or line at home a few times each week. Your child is welcome to invite a dad, grandpa, uncle or any man who cares for them. Thank you!

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