



How does a carpenter teach
the One who made the trees?

Joseph Was a Faithful Father

- He faithfully took Mary as his wife in a difficult situation (Matthew 1:18-25).
- He faithfully followed God's direction in caring for and protecting Mary and Jesus (Matthew 2:13-15).
- He faithfully performed the spiritual duties of a father (Luke 2:21-24).



*We sing our thanks for Joseph, The guardian of our Lord,
Who faithfully taught Jesus Through craft and deed and word.
Grant wisdom, Lord, and patience To parents ev'rywhere,
Who guide and teach the children Entrusted to their care. (LSB 517, v. 14)*

Faithful Fathers Are Important

A study by the National Fatherhood Initiative concluded: “The closer adolescents feel to their fathers, regardless of the type of family structure in which they live, the less likely it is that they will engage in delinquent behavior.”*

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4 ESV)

God Is a Faithful Father

“What I am asking for this Father’s Day is forgiveness,” commented one father. Fathers make mistakes—sometimes big ones. But God is faithful.

“If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9 ESV)

Fathers ...

Daily seek to be faithful to your vocation as father. You are important! Daily seek your faithful God’s forgiveness. You are important to Him! He will bless and uphold you.

Bless my children ... Give them a believing, humble, obedient, and godly heart, that, like the child Jesus, they may increase in stature, wisdom, and favor with God and men. Imprint upon their hearts the image of Jesus, in order that they may ever keep, until their blessed end, a gracious God and an unstained conscience. Amen. (Johann Friedrich Starck, 1680-1756)

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