

Sunday week is Father's Day in Australia. It is a time children give gifts and spend time with their fathers. Today our discussion topic is about fathers!

HOT TOPICS

1. Do you celebrate Father's Day in your country? How do you celebrate Father's day? What do you do? What are some typical gifts people give their father?
2. (*In threes*) In your country what things does a father do (in the home and outside the home)?
3. What characteristics are usually used to describe a father?
 - Gentle
 - Kind
 - Strict
 - Stubborn
 - Proud
 - Strong
 - Smart
 - Leader
 - Hard-working
 - Other...
4. (*In different threes*) In your country, what role does a father have in parenting? Is it similar or dissimilar to fathers you have seen in Australia?
5. (*In pairs*) Describe your father. What does he look like? What does he do? What is his personality?
6. How are you like (similar to your father) how are you different?
6. (*Divide your group into girls and guys*)
Girls: If you get married – what kind of father do you want your husband to be?
Boys: If you get married what kind of father do you want to be?
7. Tim Mander, a famous Rugby League referee, was named 'Queensland Father of the Year 2005'. He was asked: "What is the most important thing about being a father?"

Tim Mander answered:
"I think the most important thing about being a father is **showing unconditional love**. My belief in God is central in my life and plays an important part in how we raise our children."
8. What is unconditional love? Is it possible? Have you ever been loved unconditionally?
9. (*In pairs*). Tim Mander is a Christian. Christians believe that God is 'Abba' Father – which means Daddy. If you believe in God, do you see God as your Dad? A God who loves you unconditionally? Why or Why not?

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