



Father Time

We busy dads are always looking for new ways to grow closer to our kids. Sometimes we think we need tons of time to make this connection—like regular “date nights” with each child or weekend camping trips with just Dad and the kids. Dates and camping trips are great, but it’s actually the little things—done over time and with a loving heart—that do the trick for kids. Try some of these and watch the connections happen.

- At the Anderson house we like to make the back yard an outdoor expedition. Nature and its wonders can be a great way to educate and bond with our little ones and older ones as well.



- Turn what can be a stressful time around the house “The dreaded home work hour” into an hour of fun. Who knows old dad might find out you’re not smarter than your fifth grader.
- Allowing the young ones in the kitchen for a family cook-off can be a wonderful experience for all. Throw caution to the wind and let flour fly just be careful and always use safety first around knives and the hot stove.
- When the nights are still cool enough and the mosquitoes are not in hunting season, a good household investment is a small fire pit. Roast some marshmallows and tell a few ghost stories or star gauze for a nighttime retreat.
- Leash up the family dog for a trip around the neighborhood. Show your children how caring for the family pet does not always have to be a chore.
- Volunteer your time as a Sunday school teacher in their class or coach the old ballgame for extra time you would be apart in church or sitting in the stands.
- Wash the dirty car together. Or show them the thrill of holding on to the lawnmower handle like you did with your dad as you walked along with him cutting the grass.

How ever you want to spend it, time is a precious thing in this world, and no matter the day there is never enough of it. I have learned how wonderful time is with my children. In my experiences with them they always seem to teach me as much as I think I am teaching them. This Fathers Day I plan to spend all my time with my girls and whatever we are doing my wish would be for them to know the best gift for me on Fathers Day is just spending time together.

Happy Fathers Day to all Fathers both young and old may your gift this year be the understanding of wonderful time.

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