



'Amazing Daddy' by Rachel Bright. A lovely story about how Little Panda has fun and adventures, from morning snuggles to night-time stories with Daddy Panda. The story shows the tender love of a father for their child, and how much the child loves and appreciates their Dad. A similar book is 'I love you Mummy' by Jillian Harker.

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Biblical Reference:

Matthew 6:9-13

'Our Father who art in Heaven...'

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Next month's book is:

'Zog' by Julia Donaldson

Inspiration ...

If you do not have this book, you could borrow it from the library or watch a re-telling of the story on YouTube:

 <https://youtu.be/D1eWEnJf2Kk>

or this alternative story:

 <https://youtu.be/yIKc1bg6Ppo>

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Theme: Prayer

Theme exploration:

Jesus disciples didn't know how to talk/pray to God. So, Jesus teaches them 'The Lord's Prayer'. In this prayer we see that Jesus shows us how to talk to God as a Father. In other words, Jesus is telling us that we can greet God by saying 'Hello Daddy'. We are invited to chat to God with complete trust and openness. Do you talk to God either in your hearts or out loud?

In the Bible God, our heavenly Father is sometimes described as a shepherd of a flock of sheep (John10:11-18), or as a mother (Psalm 17:8). These images of father, shepherd and mother show God's love and care for us. Do we love God in return?

A six year old once said 'when your dad is his very goodest, he's just a little bit like God'* – God is the perfect parent to us all. Prayer is talking to God just like children and parents talk to each other.

*taken from *The Lord's Prayer unplugged* by Lucy Moore

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Things for you to try this month:

- Read the Lord's Prayer from the Bible found in Matthew 6:9-13.
- Play the card game happy families.
- Play Simon says, but the commands should only be followed when you say 'Dad says' or 'Mum says'.
- Draw a prayer by drawing things you love in one colour and things that make you sad in another colour.
- Draw a family tree – don't forget to put God right at the top.
- Go on an adventure (a walk outside) just like in our story today.



We believe in the power of prayer

A prayer to pray for your family:

Hello Dad, thank You for our child/ren. Help us to love and care for our child/ren as much as You love and care for us.

Amen.

A prayer we pray for you as parents:

Father God, You are the best parent. Help these parents to be the very best parents that they can be, showing love and care for their children, as you show love and care for us.

Amen.