

Biblical Fathers

June 15 is Father's Day. See if you can name the biblical fathers described below. To check your answer, cross out the letters of the name of the son or sons mentioned in the letters below the clue. Unscramble the letters that are left to reveal the name of the father. Read the Bible passage to learn the story of each father.

1. This father traveled from his homeland in Haran and settled in Canaan, the land God promised would belong to him and his descendents. He had two sons. His second son, Isaac, inherited the covenant he made with God. This father is known as a man of great faith who was willing to do whatever God wanted him to do. Who is this biblical father? (Genesis 12–22)

HACABMARAIAS Answer: _____

2. This father was a priest of Israel. He and his wife, Elizabeth, had a son when they were both very old. When an angel told him that he and his wife were to have a son, he doubted the angel. As a result, he was unable to speak until after his son was born. His son was John the Baptist. Who is this biblical father? (Luke 1:5–80)

SIEBHTECHATIPJZHAONARHT Answer: _____

3. This father was one of twelve brothers. When he was a young boy, his brothers sold him into slavery in Egypt. Through a series of unusual events, he eventually became an important leader in Egypt. Ten of the twelve tribes of Israel are named for his brothers. The last two tribes are named for his sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. Who is this biblical father? (Read Genesis 37–50.)

MPOHRESPNEHASEIMJAASH Answer: _____

4. This father was from the tribe of Judah. He was a carpenter. He is described in the Gospel as an "upright man." He was told in a dream that his wife, Mary, would have a son by the power of the Holy Spirit. He raised this son, Jesus, as his own. Who is this biblical father? (Read Matthew 1–2)

EOPSSJSEHJU Answer: _____

5. This father was the father of two apostles, James and John. He lived in Galilee. He was a fisherman. He and his sons were in a boat, mending a net, when Jesus asked his sons to follow Him. He and his sons were business partners with two other apostles, the brothers Peter and Andrew. Who was this biblical father? (Read Matthew 4:18-23 and Luke 5: 1–11.)

EDEHJABESNZOEMEJ Answer: _____

On your own

Jesus taught us that God is our Father. You are familiar with the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray to the Father. But did you know that there are two versions of that prayer in the Gospels? Read both versions of the Lord's Prayer. One version is Luke 11:1–4; the other version is Matthew 6:9–13. How are they similar? How are they different?

Answers

1. Abraham 2. Zechariah 3. Joseph 4. Joseph 5. Zebedee