The Power of Imagination

I CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS FOR THE POWER OF IMAGINATION! THIS DIVINE POWER GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE A NEW VISION AND IMAGINE GOOD UNFOLDING IN EVERY AREA OF MY LIFE.

Our Father: Divine Masculine: What does it mean to be the divine masculine? Does it mean embodying qualities such as strength, courage, responsibility, and leadership? Can it also mean cultivating compassion, empathy, and a deep respect for oneself and others. Does it have an gender? Can you stereotype the role to all men?



This Father's Day will be the 8th year I've ever spent without my father, Dr. Eric W. Blake. He passed away on September 13th, 2015, 2 days after my Birthday. I remember this day well because they is they year we started the Curriculum for the Wizard of Oz.

The Bible Versus for the lesson was: "A very important man went to a country far away to be made a king and then to return home. Luke 19:12.

The affirmation was: "God is with me no matter where I am." And the lesson was about the Prodigal Son.

Like Dorothy and the prodigal son, we rush into the loving, forgiving "arms" of our loving God and realize, "there's no place like home.

Oz is within us all, but we are the wizard, and when we are ready we can click our heals 3 times, the father, son and holy spirit, Mind, Body soul, and there's no place like home.

A Lesson in Love taught by My Daddy.

My father was always a perfect role model and true inspiration for me. I feel my father's presence everyday, mostly because of the way he lived his life, and the lessons that he taught me. Here are some things I learned

Dinner is at 6. A family that eats together stay togethers

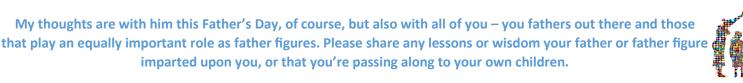
Studies suggest that children of families that regularly eat dinner together are less likely to suffer from anxiety, and more likely to enjoy boosted selfesteem. I can remember daddy coming home from working as a Sociology professor at the University of the Virgin Island 6 PM Sharp. We all had to be home and ready for dinner at that time. He insisted we ate dinner together every evening as a family. There was a lot of bonding and banter at the table, back then, there was no high and low games, but there was a lot of love sharing. When I got my first home, my father bought my first dining room set.

Do it with integrity. The Power, Courage, and Strength to do the RIGHT Thing.

We had a tradition for birthdays that we would go around the table after the candles on the cake were blown out and give well wishes. Daddy said the same thing every time. May you always have the power, courage, and strength to do the right thing. My brothers and sisters learned from our parents to do the right thing, and that starts with recognizing and listening to your conscience. We all find ourselves in tough situations occasionally, and while there might be an easy way out, it's usually not the right way out. If the right thing to do and the easy thing to do are the same thing, then it's not a tough situation. You don't learn from that. You learn from doing the right thing, especially when it's difficult. It makes you feel good, too. That's one of life's rewards.

Do for others

My father always tried to make other people's lives better whether it while he was working, playing tennis, at church or in the community. His was a life of giving back. As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" Our Dad lived these words his whole life. He devoted his days to helping provide opportunities not only for his family, but for others. Giving back was his true purpose, and it was where he found true rewards. That's his legacy, his way of ensuring his presence would still be felt long after he was gone. It's an extremely valuable life lesson, and it's why I'll feel his presence this Father's Day, and every day, until we're together again.





"The Prodigal Son," Luke 15:11-32∞Two brothers each choose a different path that leads them home to the Christ within

Bible Scavenger Hunt:

Look up this verse in the Bible or on the Internet. Luke 15:11-32. What does this passage say? Can you find a video on YouTube about this sto-

Going Deeper: 1 - Share your thoughts on this metaphysical interpretation

This parable tells us that we are all free to claim our divine inheritance from God and use it any way we choose. Our divine inheritance consists of all the divine ideas in the Mind of God that pertain to man. We are all born with all the gifts and talents we will ever need. Occasionally the gifts are not easily recognized. Sometimes we have to go to a "far country," which represents another way of thinking, in order to see ourselves in a new/better way.

Going Deeper: 2 - Share your thoughts on this metaphysical interpretation

This story is about forgiveness and seeing God in everyone and every experience. The younger son made many choices that did not bring him what he was seeking and so he forgave himself and chose to follow God. The older brother had to be willing to let go of his judgment of both his brother and his father in order to see God in the situation. The father lived in a state of acceptance of both his sons. This story shows us that when we are willing to align our mind with God-mind, all we need to heal and harmonize our minds comes rushing to us.

Here are some Spiritual Points to think about:

God is love and is everywhere present.

When we make a mistake or others make a mistake, we must be willing to forgive.

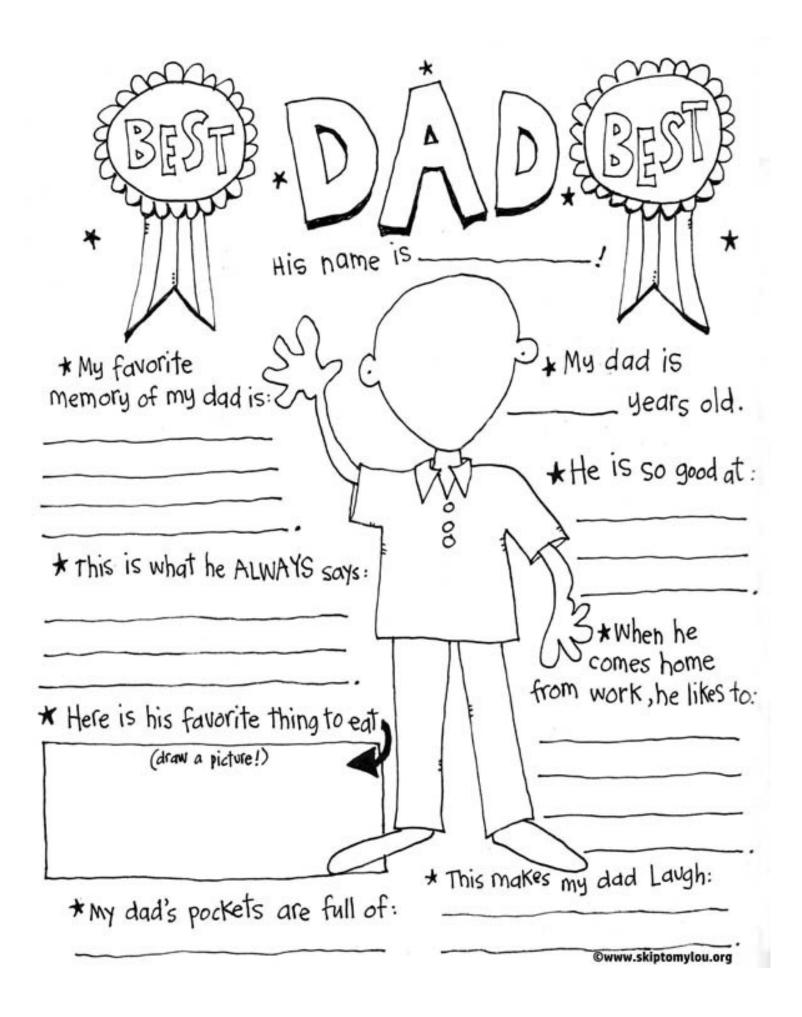
Forgiveness has nothing to do with the actions of another. Its only purpose is to free ourselves from feelings of hurt and bitterness.

God can't forgive because God is all good and does not perceive wrongdoing. That is an action of man, and it is our responsibility to move past our hurt feelings and to see God in everyone.



Activities

Play Hide and Seek: Play hide and seek together taking turns being the hider and seeker. Share the experience. How did it feel to hide and wait to be found? How did it feel to be found?

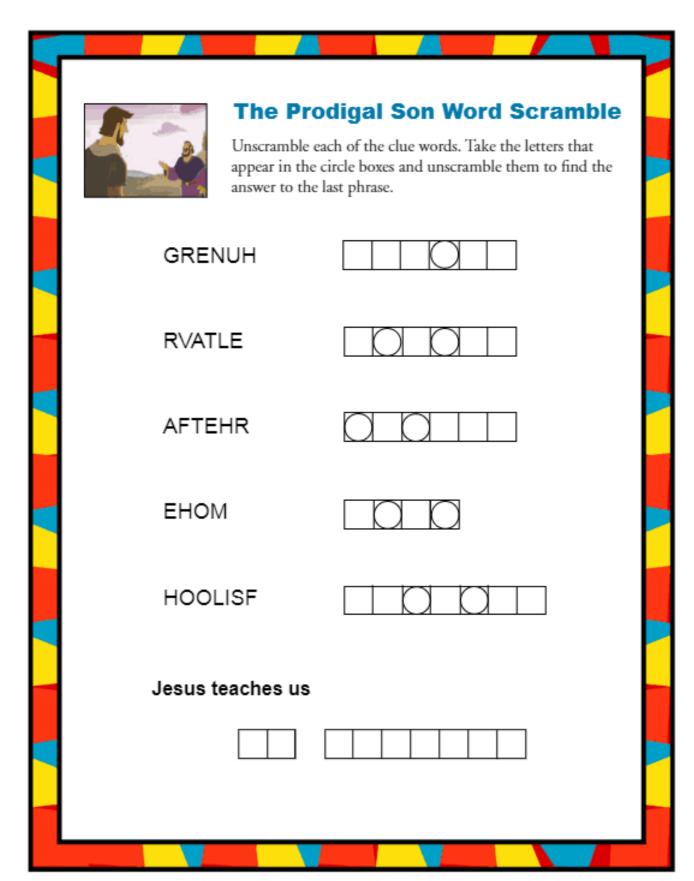


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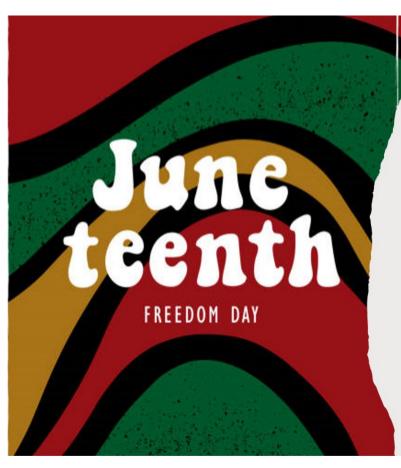
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- Juneteenth is an annual U.S. federal holiday celebrated on June 19th to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States
 - Slavery was abolished in 1863 (Emancipation Proclamation)
 - First celebrated by previously enslaved Texans annually since June 19, 1865, when they were informed
- Congress established as a U.S. federal holiday on June 16, 2021.
 - Previously established as a state holiday in Texas in 1980
- It's a day of recognition, restoration, celebration and freedom

WHY WE CELEBRATE?

- Celebrate the actual Day when ALL slaves were free
- · To honor those who paved the way for us
- Used to celebrate African American culture and achievements
- Opportunity to champion equity and African American advancement

Discuss Together:

Monday is June 19th. This means different things to different people. Discuss together what this day may mean for you. June 19th, also known as Juneteenth, is a day that celebrates the last group of enslaved people in Texas learning they were free in 1865 under the Emancipation Proclamation. This holiday represents a turning point in American history. It's the perfect opportunity to discuss race with your family.

HAVE A MOVIE NIGHT: Grab some popcorn or your favorite snack and watch movies to celebrate Juneteenth as a family.

Share with each other what the day means to you.