

我们在天上的父 **Our Father in Heaven**

1. 爱与赦免的父亲 **Father Who Loves and Forgives** (*Psalm 103:8-13*)

PS 103:8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. PS 103:9 He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; PS 103:10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. PS 103:11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; PS 103:12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. PS 103:13 As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

2. 管教的父亲 **Father Who Disciplines** (Heb. 12:5-7)

⁵ And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, HEB 12:6 because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." HEB 12:7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?

3. 给予鼓励的父亲 **Father Who Encourages**

COL 3:21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they will become discouraged

1Th 2:11-12 For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, ¹² encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

Questions for Discussion

1. 分享你的父亲对你的影响。有什么事你要为他感恩？
How have your parents influenced your life? Is there anything you want to give thanks for him?
2. 分享你对我们在天上的父的认识。祂是一个怎样的父亲？
Share your knowledge of Our Father in Heaven. What kind of father is he?
3. 对天父的认识如何帮助父母更有效的教养孩子，好让他们敬畏神和一生跟随主耶稣？
How does the knowledge of our Heavenly Father help the parents to be more effective in nurturing the children so that they will fear God and follow Jesus all the days of their life?