

In Kindergarten



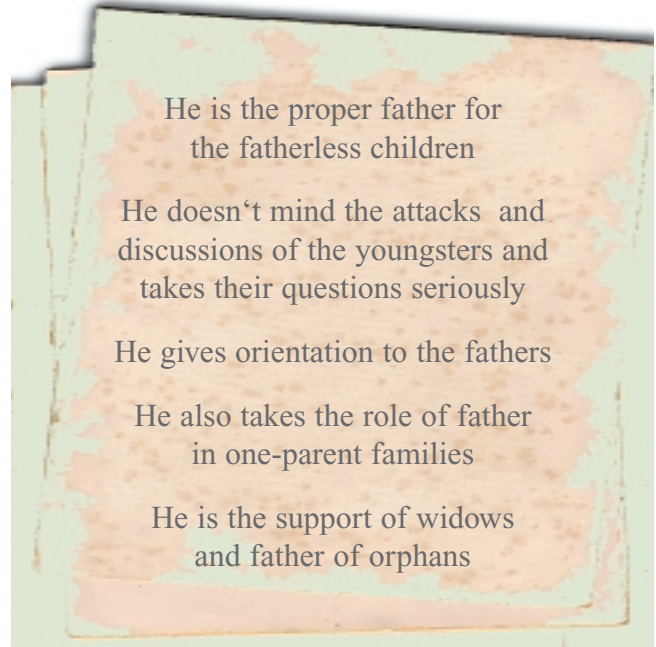
Here the baby is received by his father. Lovingly he reaches out for the tiny hands of the newborn that are able to grasp only one finger of the father. The baby hold this one finger firmly. There is no consciousness yet as to who offers his finger as support and that strong hands and arms embrace the child to protect it and that a loving face bends down to him. A young father is fascinated by the unfolding of his first child. By grasping his little hands and tenderly touching the little head he takes over the responsibility for this person from the eternal hand of the great creator.

Now, Joseph, Mary's husband, had to be prepared for this. He was responsible for the child Jesus and he took care of him. He did this so well that Jesus only at the age of twelve noticed that his father Joseph had taken the place of his original father. He represented the heavenly father.

It is also possible the other way round. The heavenly father declares his readiness to take the place of the real father. He has promised us this. It is he who lovingly bends over us, in the same way we see it on the painting. It is he who becomes so real that his eternal hand grasp our hands.

He likes to take over the role of father in our life and does his job perfectly. Due to the breaking up of many families through divorce and changing partnerships the place of the father has frequently become vacant.

A generation of children and teenies without permanent father - sometimes none or sometimes to many fathers who crop up in their life - is longing for the father.



He is the proper father for
the fatherless children

He doesn't mind the attacks and
discussions of the youngsters and
takes their questions seriously

He gives orientation to the fathers

He also takes the role of father
in one-parent families

He is the support of widows
and father of orphans

The creator recommends himself for this tasks.

When our family had lost their father I called to him and reminded him of his own words. After the death of our father we had two fathers in heaven but none here for every day. But I knew Jesus had promised: „I am with you always“ before he returned to his heavenly father, and now we totally depended on him practicing this with us. Our heavenly father indeed took over caring for our family, and he did a good job with our children. He is the father who knows all our difficulties, who listens to our problems, opens new possibilities and shows us ways on which we can walk. Very often things turn out in the way the real father would also have welcomed. Thus, the heavenly father honors the real father by his blessing.

prayer: Father in heaven, please turn to me very personally.
I urgently need a father and I ask you to take this place in my life.
Father help me, father look after me, father don't leave me alone!

