



# MESSAGE NOTE

## Loving Father

John 1:12  
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### 1. Our Father

***John 1:12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.***

Anyone who chooses to accept and follow Jesus becomes a child of God. This is a wonderful privilege; God becomes our father. The father-child relationship reflects our relationship with God.

### 2. A good father

***Matthew 7:11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!***

A good father provides, cares for and protects his children. He withholds no good thing from his kids. He is kind, gentle and strong. God is kind and gentle with us as well as strong for us. God's love for us is strong, His protection over us is powerful.

### 3. Going to work with Dad

***Luke 15:21-22 The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.'***

There is a big difference between working as a servant and working as a son. The Christian life isn't about trying to earn God's approval. It's living each day knowing that you're already accepted, already loved and already approved by your father God.