



God's Heart for you



# What does God think of you?

Have you ever  
pondered what God  
thinks of you?

Is it hard for you to  
believe He loves you as  
much as the Bible says  
He does?





# What does God think of you?

God is so big and He  
sometimes seems so  
distant ... but what is  
He really like?

do you really know Him





# What does God think of you?

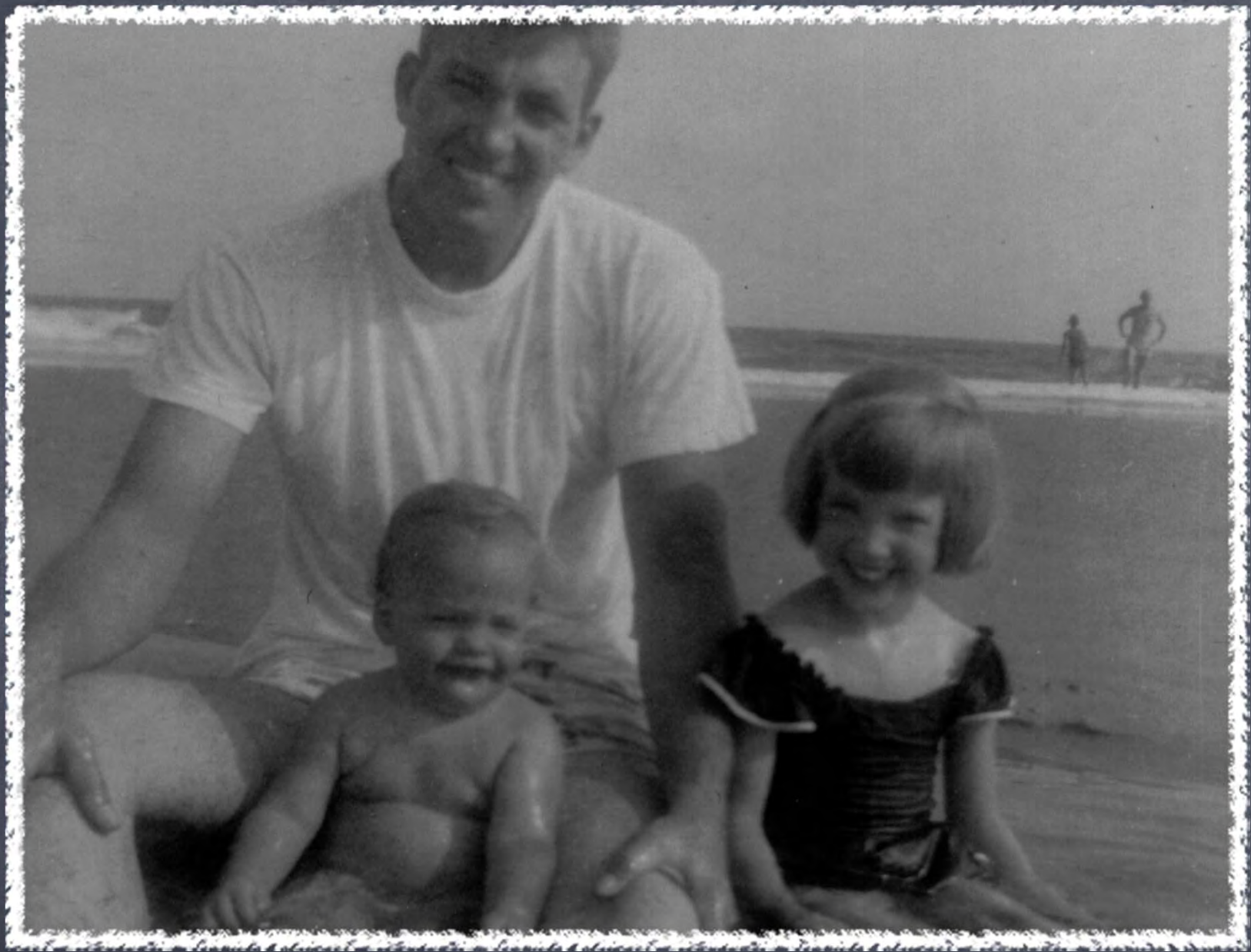
You've heard His  
instructions, but do you  
know anything about  
His emotions or His  
character?





Who is God?





The Bible says that God is our Father



# What is *A Father*?

What do you think  
of when you hear  
the word *father*?

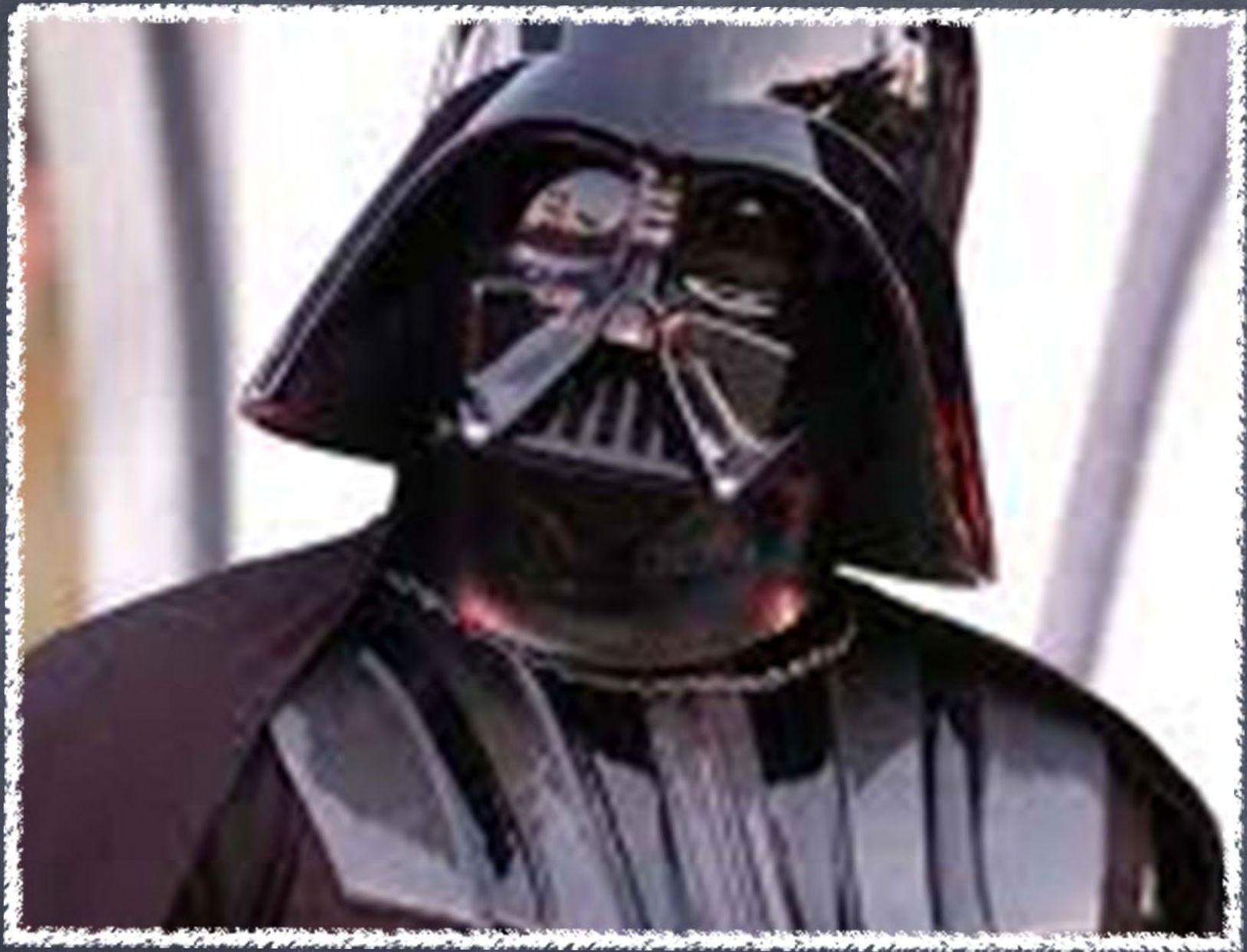






Do you automatically think of protection,  
provision warmth and tenderness?





Or does the word *Father* paint different  
kinds of pictures for you?





What does the Bible say?



# God is:

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giving Father

imately involved with each and every detail of

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# The problem is:



Every person sees  
to have a different  
idea of what  
God is like...



# The problem is:



They unconsciously  
to attach the feeli  
and impressions t  
they have of  
their own earthly fa  
to their concept  
their Heavenly Fa





What did God have in mind when He created the family? The Bible says,

*God makes a home for the lonely*





A family involves a circle of relationship including an adult male and female, into which tiny, dependent human beings are born and raised



Why do we enter the world as such helpless, inadequate persons, and then slowly grow physically, mentally, and emotionally into self-sufficient adults?





Have you ever wondered  
if God didn't come up  
with some sort of  
reproduction system that  
would produce a  
physically completed  
person such as His  
original creation  
Adam and Eve?







because He intends the family unit to be a place  
where His love is demonstrated  
to both parent and child





As parents we begin to really understand  
God's heart towards us as His children.

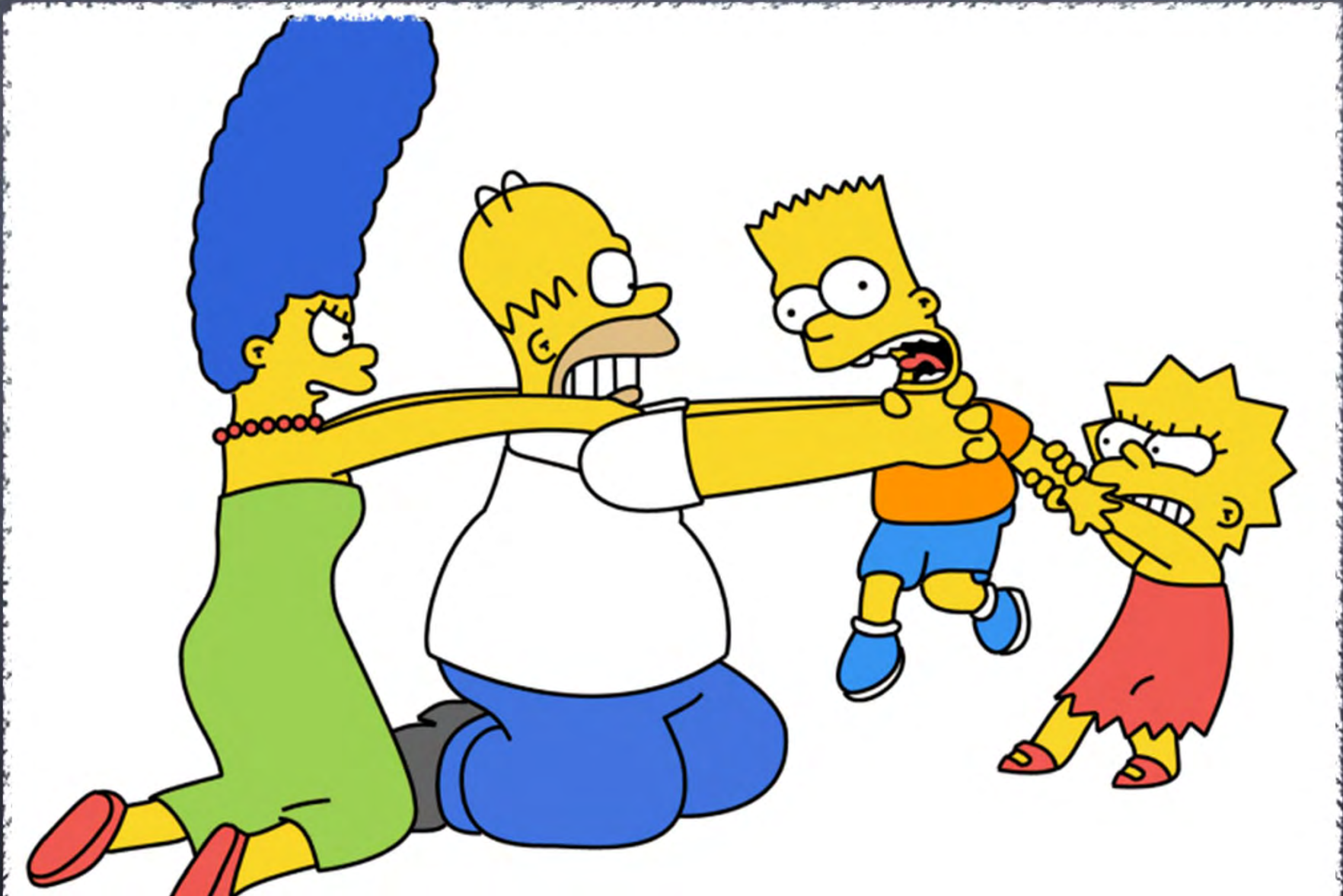


His love revealed through parental  
tenderness, mercy, and discipline





But what if the ideal did not happen?  
What if you have been failed in some way  
by parental authority?







o many have suffered hurt and rejection b  
their families that it is hard for them to see  
God as He really is.





Understanding the character of God is  
essential if we are to love Him, serve Him  
and be like Him



# Six misconceptions concerning God and His love for us



- Parental Authority
- Parental Faithfulness
- Parental Generosity
- Parental Affection
- Parental attentiveness
- Parental Acceptance



God created man in His own image,  
in the image of God He created him;  
male and female He created them.

(Genesis 1:27 NASB)

Therefore a full revelation of God's parental

is incomplete

without the presence of the male and female  
attributes of parental affection



Let's look back into our  
personal past and see if our  
relationship with God has  
been hindered in any way  
because of a failure or  
absence of tender loving  
care from one  
or both of our parents

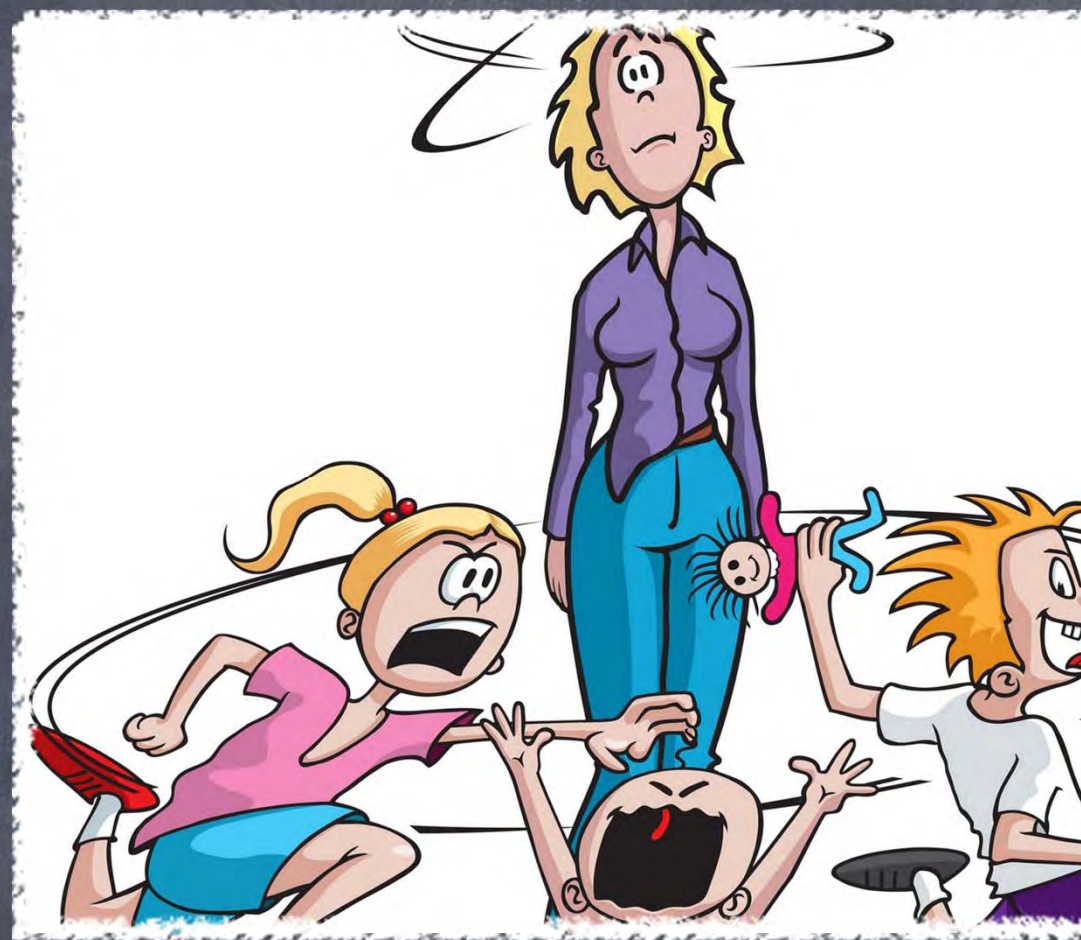




Remember the 6 areas of Misconception

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Parental Authority





Parental Faithfulness





Parental Generosity





Parental Affection





Parental Attentiveness





Parental Acceptance



<http://www.fathersloveletter.com/>



We've talked about our misconception  
about God.

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With your partner, discuss aspects of your  
growing up years that either helped you  
or hindered you in seeing  
God as a loving Father.

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End by praying for each other.