

## Handout Sheet

[to accompany the DVD 'What Kids Really Need from their Dads']  
From The Fathering Project, Uni of WA. [www.thefatheringproject.org](http://www.thefatheringproject.org)

### Fathers interviewed in the video:



**Andy Byrne**  
- floor sander, grana worker



**Graeme Smith**  
- stonemason



**Craig Serjeant**  
- test cricketer, investment adviser



**Peter deBlanc**  
- biker, soldier, computer technician



**Michael Thompson**  
- TV sports presenter



**Peter Prout**  
- farmer, soldier, teacher, pastor

### **Some of the tips discussed in this video**

- How to show kids you love them
- How to let them know your love is not based on their performance at school or sport, or their behaviour
- Getting involved in their school
- The importance of other father-like figures
- Ideas for spending fun time with kids
- Making each of your kids feel special
- Doing one-on-one activities with each child on
- Why fathers and father-figures are important to all kids

### **Some possible group discussion questions**

1. What are some ways that you are able to spend time with kids during the week, on weekends or on vacation?
2. What is the best age and method of talking to kids about drugs, smoking and sex?
3. Where did you learn how to be a dad?
4. In what ways can we help kids with their education?
5. What do we find hardest about being a father or father-figure?
6. Did you have any special father figures when you were young, eg. uncles, grandparents, schoolteachers, sports coaches, youth leaders, pastors etc?
7. Which kids are you a father figure to?
8. What is the best way for fathers to get together to learn about fathering and share good fathering ideas?

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