

Today Is Father's Day | Lesson Plan

What is the significance of Father's Day?

Students will learn about the importance of Father's Day and how fathers sacrifice for the greater good to provide for their families through *Otto's Tales: Today is Father's Day*.

Learning Objectives:

- Explain the importance of Father's Day.
- Analyze how the fathers' actions in the story demonstrate sacrifice and support.
- Evaluate the significance of actions taken by fathers and father figures in student's own lives.
- Identify the main characters and setting in *Otto's Tales: Today is Father's Day*.
- Identify key vocabulary related to *Otto's Tales: Today is Father's Day*.

Key Vocabulary:

- **Sacrifice:** Giving up something valuable or important for the sake of others or a greater cause.
- **Support:** Providing assistance, encouragement, or help to someone in need.
- **Appreciate:** To recognize and value the qualities or actions of someone or something.
- **Responsibility:** The duty or obligation to take care of or manage something or someone.
- **Role Model:** Someone who sets a positive example for others to follow, especially in terms of behavior, values, and attitudes.
- **Celebrate:** To honor or observe a special occasion with festivities, joy, and recognition.

Educational Standards: CCRA.RL.1, CCRA.RL.2, CCRA.L.1, CCRA.L.6, CCRA.SL.1

Academic Subject Areas: America, U.S. Holidays, American Values

What You'll Need

- Video: *Otto's Tales: Today is Father's Day* (Watch [Here](#))
- Book (Optional): *Otto's Tales: Today is Father's Day* (Purchase [Here](#))
- Worksheet: *Otto's Tales: Today is Father's Day* (Click [Here](#))
- Construction paper and art supplies

Lesson Plan (45 mins.)

Warm-Up: (10 mins.)

1. Begin the lesson by asking students if they know what Father's Day is and why it is celebrated.
2. Explain that Father's Day is a special day to honor and appreciate fathers and father figures for all they do for their families.



3. Write on the board, "Why We Appreciate Fathers." Write down students' responses on the board. Encourage students to think about ways that fathers provide and make sacrifices for their families.

Watch and Complete: (15 mins.)

1. Show the video *Otto's Tales: Today is Father's Day* to the students.
2. Engage students in a discussion about the story, focusing on the role of the father and any sacrifices or acts of support shown in the video.
3. Ask students questions such as:
 - Who did Dennis & Otto visit?
 - What did they learn from Abraham?
 - What did they learn from Dennis' father?
 - What are some ways we can show appreciation to fathers?
4. Invite students to create Father's Day cards for their dads or father figures. Provide craft materials such as construction paper, markers, and stickers for students to use.
5. Encourage students to write a message expressing their appreciation for their dads and draw a picture of something special they do with their dads or something their dads do for them.

Wrap-Up: (20 mins.)

1. Distribute individual copies of the "Today Is Father's Day Worksheet" and guide students through the following instructions:
 - In the **Calendar Area**, ask students to draw a picture of a father or special father figure in the space provided.
 - Have students write the name of the month and fill in the calendar by writing the numbers, starting from the correct day of the week. Remind them that June has 30 days.
 - In the **Month Section**, direct students to read aloud or sing the months of the year song. Then, have them color in the correct month.
 - In the **Seasons Section**, ask students to read aloud the four seasons, then color the appropriate season.
 - In the **Weather Section**, instruct students to circle or color the character that correctly displays today's weather.
 - In the **Telling Time Section**, guide students to write the current time in both analog and digital formats.
 - In the **Temperature Section**, have students color today's temperature.
2. Conclude the lesson by revisiting the key concepts discussed. Reinforce the significance of Father's Day by asking students to share one thing they learned about why Father's Day is celebrated.

Don't have time for the complete lesson? Quick Activity (15-20 mins.)

After watching the video, distribute the coloring page *Otto's Tales: Today is Father's Day* and allow students to discuss their favorite character or part of the story.