

**Dads & Kids Book Club**  
**Just Like Daddy**  
*Session Outline*

**Story Related Outcomes for Dads:**

1. Dad's will appreciate the importance of their role as a father.
2. Fathers will understand the ways in which they are a role model for their child.

**Story Related Outcomes for Children:**

1. Children will identify things they can do just like their Daddy.
2. Children will be exposed to a story pattern with a surprise ending.

**Schedule of Activities**

Warm-in Time (10 minutes)

- Welcome, name-tags

Large Group/Story Reading (20 minutes)

- Introductions
- Song – Refer to the resource page for song suggestions
- Introduce and Read the Book – *Just Like Daddy*

Dads & Kids Activity Time (30 minutes)

- Art: Dad and child handprints
- Literacy/Listening Book and tape and headsets – *What Daddies Do Best*
- Dramatic Play: Ice fishing
- Literacy/Writing: People shaped stampers - "Who is in your family?"
- Cooking: English muffin pizza

Dads Discussion Time (25 minutes)

1. Parent Session for Dads
  - See Parent Session Plan
  - Hand out books and tip sheet for *Just Like Daddy*
2. Early Childhood Session for Children
  - Children continue to work on projects – snack, art, etc.
  - Group story and song

Closing (5 minutes)

- Thank yous, reminder for next session, goodbye

**Dads and Kids Book Club**  
**Just Like Daddy**  
*Tips for Reading*

**Helping your child to enjoy the story**

1. Read the story a couple of times to become familiar with the words and the rhythm of the story.
2. The story is repetitive, put extra emphasis on the line, "Just like Daddy".
3. As you read the story have your child repeat the repetitive line with you.
4. The story is short so take time to look at the pictures and talk about what the Dad and his child are doing.
5. Enjoy the surprise ending of the story, talking about the expressions on the bears' faces. What are the bears doing on the last page?

**Helping your child to understand the story**

6. Look at the pictures with your child and find the similarities between the dad bear and the child bear.
7. Point out how you and your child are alike. What are the things you enjoy doing together?
8. Tell stories about times you spent with your Dad or a special father figure.
9. Look at baby pictures of people in your family and talk about the similarities.

**Helping your child to learn new words**

10. Your child will probably know most/all words in the book, introduce some new activities that you might do that include new words.

**Dads and Kids Book Club**  
**Just Like Daddy**  
*Parent Session*

**Ice-Breaker/Introductions**

- What do children learn about dads from this book?

**Story Sharing** – discuss the book

- Hand out books and recap the story – A very young bear cub describes all the activities he does during the day that are just like his daddy’s.
- What do you think your child liked best about this book?
- What are some everyday activities you enjoy doing with your child?
- What are some traits and activities you want to model for your child?
- What can you do when you see your child imitating words or actions from you that you don’t want to model?

**Story Reading**

- What strategies did you notice the story reader using to get the children involved?
- How did they work with your child?
- Distribute and discuss “Tips for Reading *Just Like Daddy*.”

**Closure**

- Remember that you are a role model to your children; they often listen and watch closely what you do so they can be “Just Like Daddy.”
- Have fun reading/sharing this book with your child.

**Dads and Kids Book Club**  
**Just Like Daddy**  
*Materials List*

**Art - Handprints**

- 3 colors of tempera paint
- 12x18 construction paper
- Brushes

**Literacy/Writing - "Who is in Your Family"**

- Ink Pads
- People shaped stampers
- Markers for adding features to people and writing names

**Literacy/Listening**

- Head sets and book and tape
- *What Daddies Do Best* by Laura Numeroff

**Dramatic play - Ice fishing**

- Silver contact paper fishpond
- Tag board fish with Velcro mouths
- Short fishing sticks with Velcro hooks
- Tackle boxes
- Big blocks or buckets for sitting

**Cooking**

- Microwave oven
- English muffins
- Grated pizza cheese
- Tomato sauce
- Green pepper, olives, and pepperoni
- Cutting board and knife for cutting vegetables