



MR. FIX-IT

Kids learn that we all have a compassionate Father to appreciate.

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 103:13

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Bible
- hammer
- nails
- duct tape
- scissors
- poster board
- permanent markers

The Experience

SAY: Today is Father's Day—so let's talk about dads. Lots of dads make things and fix stuff—broken toilets, wobbly chairs, leaky faucets. Hold up a hammer and nails and **ASK:**

• What things could we make or fix with these?

Hold up a roll of duct tape and **ASK:**

- What could we make or fix with this?
- Why do you think some fix-it jobs need duct tape and some need a hammer and nails?
- Why do dads need to be tough sometimes and other times be tender and caring?

SAY: Dads might use duct tape, glue, nails, or even bandages to fix things. And the Bible tells us we *all* have a Father who's great at fixing things—even the really big things—and who wants to help us. That's because God is a father to us. Read aloud Psalm 103:13.

ASK: How do you think God is like or unlike a dad?

• What kinds of things can God fix in our lives?

Hold up the hammer and **SAY:** It's good to remember God's power and might. Hold up the duct tape. But don't forget that God is tender, gentle, and compassionate to us. The duct tape is powerful. Cut off a piece of duct tape and let a few kids try to pull it apart like they're playing tug of war. But it's also soft and doesn't break anything. Let everyone touch the non-sticky side of the tape to feel how soft and smooth it is.

SAY: Let's use this duct tape to show how much we love God.

Use duct tape to write "DAD" on the poster board. (If you have a lot of kids, make multiple poster boards.) Have kids write words of thanks to God on the duct tape, as a prayer of praise to their gentle and compassionate heavenly Father.

