

Preview

Main Ideas

- 1) Rejoice in the differences between men and women and see their roles and contribution to society as complementary.
- 2) Pregnancy, childbirth and nurturing are not gender-neutral activities. They are biologically constructed.
- 3) One of the most important learnings for every human child is how to be a full member of its own sex and at the same time fully relate to the opposite sex. "...it requires 'the continuing presence of a father and a mother [a male and a female].'" -Margaret Meade

Activities

- 1) Make a list of inherited traits and discuss who you got them from.
- 2) Ask your mom and dad what they most want to teach you and set aside time to learn more about it.

Month 6: Both Moms and Dads Matter

Resource 1: Mom and Dad - gotta have both to grow! – Children are entitled to both their mother and their father.

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Why Both Moms and Dads matter in Marriage



Family

Both Moms and Dads play a vital role



Why do you think children need both their Mom and their Dad?

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Resource 2: Dad's role is irreplaceable – Healthy societies have engaged fathers.

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America's fatherless ache exposed by humble YouTube Dad



Family

GRATITUDE ACTIVITY

Our fathers do so much for us in our lives. Draw a picture or write a note to tell your father you are thankful for them in your life.

What is something your Dad has done that you are grateful for?

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Resource 3: Mothers – Everyone Needs Theirs – Imagine a world without mothers. No one would want to live there.

Parent

Mother bodies, father bodies



Family

MOTHER CHARADES GAME

Moms do so much for us! Let's play a guessing game! Act out something your mom does for you and see if the other players can guess what the activity is!

What are some things your mom has done for you?

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Resource 4: Parenthood And Marriage Shouldn't Be Separated – Married moms and dads parenting together; a combination that can't be beat!

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Marriage is Married to Parenthood- a global survey on how gay marriage weakens children's rights



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Amazing Mothers and Fathers!



Why do you think mothers and fathers have a responsibility to their children?

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Resource 5: Motherhood Brings Changes – Becoming a mother is life altering, for everyone.

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Motherhood brings the most dramatic brain changes of a woman's life



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Meeting Baby Sister



Why do you think children want to be with their mother and father?

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Resource 6: Differences – Male And Female Choices – Biology contributes to men and women making different choices in careers and in life.

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Doesn't Love Make a Family?



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Male and Female Career Percentages



Were you surprised by which careers had more men or more women? Why or why not?

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Resource 7: Teaching Children Emotional Regulation –Men and women teach different types of emotional regulation, a crucial skill for success in life.

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Fathers Don't Mother and Mothers Don't Father



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Mothers and Fathers Interact Differently



How are mothers and fathers different in how they interact with their children?

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Resource 8: A World Of Engaged Fathers – Dads earn the title of “Super-Hero.”

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10 Facts About Father Engagement



How does your father help you with the problems you face? How has your father protected you – physically or otherwise?

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Superhero Fathers



Resource 9: Learning Hard Things – Dads show us we can do things we might not believe possible.

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What Representing Men in Divorce Taught Me About Fatherhood



How does your father support you in your life? What things have you learned from your dad? What are some “hard things” your dad has taught you to do? How does your Dad challenge you to become better?

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People are awesome – Epic Dad and kids addition



Resource 10: Differences Matter – Two Left Legs – A mom and a dad are complements and each of them bring something different, but necessary, to their children.

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The Kids Are Not Really Alright



How is having a mother and a father like having a right leg and a left leg? How does having a mother and father help children to have “balanced” development?

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Two Left Legs



Review

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Discussion Questions Survey



How many talking points do you know?

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Talking Point Flash Card Game



Role Play #1

Scenario

A school textbook states: 'Gender differences are something some societies create and emphasize. Girls and boys are the same and it's wrong/inappropriate to put any emphasis on differences.' How would you respond?

Response

Talking Point: Mothers are distinctly suited as attachment figures, and fathers as separation figures. Mothers help children achieve emotional security, and fathers help children explore and succeed in their world. (Erica Komisar) One of the most important learnings for every human child is how to be a full member of its own sex and at the same time fully relate to the opposite sex. This is not an easy learning; it requires the 'continuing presence of a father and a mother.'" (Margaret Meade)

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Role Play #2

Scenario

A friend tells you: "all a child needs is love." How would you respond?"

Response

Talking Point: Mothers and fathers can and do make similar contributions to the welfare of their children, but they do not typically play the same role in their children's lives. Mother Bodies, Father Bodies

[See the website page for Role Play #2 for an additional talking point](#)

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Reflect

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Review some Homefront Project articles/videos from the Difference in Sexes unit.



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1. What did you learn?
2. What do you want to do differently?
3. What were you surprised by?
4. With whom do you want to share what you learned?

Which was your favorite resource or video?

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Summarize & Share

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Unit Survey



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Which is your favorite image to share from the Difference in Sexes unit?



Who will you share this with?

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