

My Dad Is A Giraffe

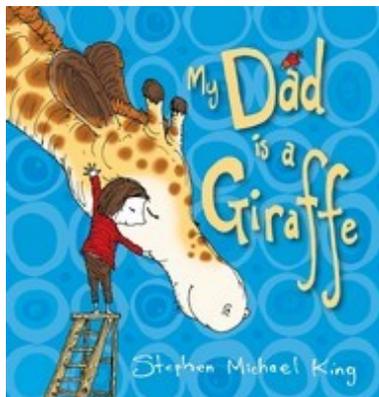
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Is your dad big and tall, gentle and fun? Can you climb up his legs, over his head, slide down his neck and ride on his back? Maybe your dad is a giraffe!



Themes:

- Dads
- Perceptions
- Unconditional love
- Family

Discussion Points:

- The child in the story compares their Dad to a giraffe. If your Dad was an animal, what animal do you think he would be and why?
- Why do you think this Dad was compared to a giraffe? What things about this Dad made him like a giraffe?
- When they are at the movies, what other animals are in the movie theatre?
- How is the Mum incorporated into the story?
- Why do you think she is a zebra?
- Use five words to describe the family in the story.
- What are some of the 'grown-up' things that your Dad can do that you can't? Is there anything that your Dad can do that you think you might like to do as you get older?
- There are many animals throughout this story. As a class, discuss the characteristics of the animals and how they could be compared to humans.

Activity:

- Stephen Michael King has a very unique illustrating style. Look at the pictures in the book and see what you notice about the illustration style. Then draw a picture of you with your Dad, in the style of Stephen Michael King. You might like to draw your Dad as an animal that you think he is most like. You may like to make it into a card and give it to him as part of your Father's Day present.