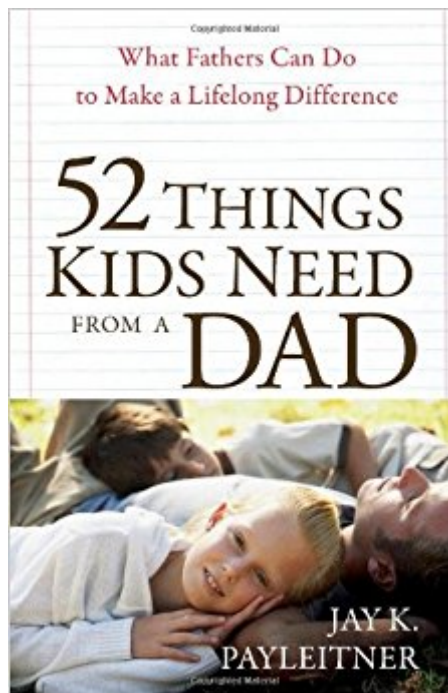




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# 52 Things Kids Need From A Dad: What Fathers Can Do To Make A Lifelong Difference



## Synopsis

“God, please help me|another game of Candy Land|Quite a few dads spend time with their kids. However, many have no clue what their kids really need. Enter author Jay Payleitner, veteran dad of five, who’s also struggled with how to build up his children’s lives. His 52 Things Kids Need from a Dad combines straightforward features with step-up-to-the-mark challenges men will appreciate: a full year’s worth of focused, doable ideas—one per week, if desired—uncomplicated ways to be an example, like “kiss your wife in the kitchen|tough, frank advice, like “throw away your porn|And, refreshingly|NO exhaustive (and exhausting) lists of “things you should do|NO criticism of dads for being men and acting like men Dads will feel respected and empowered, and gain confidence to initiate activities that build lifelong positives into their kids. Great gift or men’s group resource!

## Book Information

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“I’m delighted to see so many inspiring, practical, unexpected ideas for dads in one place. From the foreword by Josh McDowell “This is great stuff, worth any dad’s time. If you can’t benefit from this, you’re not listening. Ignore it only if you don’t want to be a better dad. The first three copies are going to my grown sons. Jerry B. Jenkins, coauthor of the megaselling Left Behind series and author of over 150 other published works “Jay Payleitner has given fathers a gift—a wise, delightful, practical, and profound book. If you’re a father, you will thank him, and if

you're not, you'll read this book with joy and give it to a father who will exercise up and call you blessed.

Steve Brown, seminary professor, author of *Welcome to the Family* and other books, and the "voice" of Key Life Network

"The stories will inspire you. The lessons will change you. Jay Payleitner shows twenty-first-century fatherhood for what it is and for what it needs to be."

Dr. Dennis E. Hensley, professor and author of more than 50 books, including *Man to Man* and *The Power of Positive Productivity*

"I have been a wife for 37 years, a mom for 31, and a daughter for...well, let's just say even longer. With those credentials, I highly recommend this book to all dads. It is a good read and, more importantly, a great guide for any man desiring to meet the needs of the children God has entrusted to his care."

Kendra Smiley, radio host, conference speaker, and author of *Be the Parent and High-Wire Mom*

"Moms of all ages, grab this book for your husbands! It's inspiring, encouraging, and easy to read."

Ellen Banks Elwell, author of *The Christian Mom's Idea Book* and *When There's Not Enough of Me to Go Around*

"52 Things Kids Need from a Dad reminds all of us of the humbling privilege and exhilarating joy of fatherhood. You won't find any lectures or guilt trips here. Instead, it's more like 52 inspiring halftime talks. As your personal fathering coach, Jay will provoke you to think deep, laugh hard, and love more, leaving you with 52 unexpected fathering insights."

Carey Casey, CEO of The National Center for Fathering, speaker, radio host, and author of *Championship Fathering*

"This book is a must for dads who want to take their fathering to the next level. It's full of real-world advice anyone can take to heart and act upon. It's also fun to read with lots of stories. Formatted in short, easy-to-read chapters, you can pick it up at any time, learn something really useful, and set it down until you have a few more free minutes. I recommend this book."

James Read, Creative Director, Grizzard Communications Group

Jay Payleitner is one of the top freelance Christian radio producers in the United States. He has worked on Josh McDowell Radio, Today's Father, Jesus Freaks Radio for the Voice of the Martyrs, Project Angel Tree with Chuck Colson, and many others. He's also a popular speaker on parenting and marriage and the author of dozen-plus books, including the bestselling *52 Things Kids Need from a Dad*, *52 Things Wives Need from a Husband*, and *52 Things Sons Need from Their Dad*; he also created "The Dad Manifesto."

Jay has also served as an AWANA director, a wrestling coach, and the executive director of the Illinois Fatherhood Initiative; he now partners with the National Center for Fathering, whose efforts he fosters and promotes. He and his

wife, Rita, live near Chicago, where they've raised five great kids and loved on ten foster babies.

The book has plenty of ideas for ways dads can bond to their children, but the overall idea I think is to find some special things unique to your personality or family or relationship that you can do or give to your kids as a legacy doesn't have to be the exact ideas in the books (like denting a \$1200 garage door for an annual tradition of stickball in the drive - not gonna happen at my house, but I get the point and agree with the concept). So yes, I look at it more as a book of concepts and ideas, rather than a "how to" that must be followed exactly - you can pick and choose, or come up with your own ways that you are comfortable with. Think big picture and lasting memories. Anyhow, I bought this for my husband for Father's Day this year and gave it to him while we were on vacation - I was pleasantly surprised that he COULD NOT PUT IT DOWN!! He's not a big reader, but after voicing his desire to connect more with our boys, I found this book - he was reading at least one chapter a day, sometimes more, every single day until he finished the book. Best Father's Day gift ever, and it also doubled as a gift for our sons since I've noticed from time to time my husband is trying out some of the ideas in the book. The boys have responded well to the new attention - this is a gift that absolutely CAN keep on giving - from generation to generation as each child models the ideas with their own children someday. There is also a version for moms I noticed, and that's great, but this one could appeal just as easily to moms who want to be more involved and bonded, as it does to dads.

I got this for my fiance because he came into a relationship with me and I already had 4 kids from previous relationship. He didn't know how to be a dad or what to do with them. He's been reading this book and says he loves it and will be doing a lot of what it says.

I really like the book but wasn't prepared for all the bible talk

Great book for dads- even my 7 year old likes it.

The only thing the book says is that you need to raise them to be christian. Goes on and on how religion will save you and your children. There saved you the money.

If you're a dad, read this book! There is not much more that needs to be said, if you read it, you will

know why it's so highly recommended!

A nice book on being a good pops. Well written with feel-good inspiration to be a good dad. Most of this stuff is common sense, but you know what they say about common sense (it's not that common).

Too much Christian religion influence for my tastes. But hey, one persons trash is another persons treasure! Most of the short stories are very nice, I just don't care for the overarching "reason for doing good things" as all stemming from the bible.

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