

A script from



“A Letter For Dad”

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- What** A teenage boy reminisces on fond memories of his dad as he writes a letter for Father’s Day. Themes: Father’s Day, Dad, Son, Teenagers, Children, Family, Love, Parents, Character, Example
- Who** Caleb- approximately 14-17 years old
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** Cell Phone
- Why** Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:2
- How** This should be conversational and relaxed. It should feel as if Caleb is remembering stories as he goes along.
- Time** Approximately 3-4 minutes

Caleb walks center stage busy texting on his cell phone. An alarm sounds on the phone and he reads out loud:

"Don't forget to write your Father's Day letter."

Oh man. I did forget. *(He looks out to audience and shakes the phone.)* My mom's idea. Every year she has us write this letter to Dad telling him what he means to us. I used to think it was kinda lame you know. I said, "Mom, can't I just tell him? It would save me time writing it, it would save Dad time cause he wouldn't have to correct all the grammatically errors as he reads it and I know he'd rather read the paper anyway." My suggestion didn't go over so well. She grabbed my hand and dragged me into Dad's office and pulled a leather binder off of his shelf. I flipped through ten years of Father's Day letters from my sister and me.

My mom said when Dad is stressed she'll find him, sitting in his chair, flipping through this binder. She said, "More than anything, Caleb, your dad finds joy and fulfillment in being a dad to you and Maddy. So, take a little time and share with him what he's taught you and what he's doing right." And then she reminded me to use adverbs sparingly but appropriately." *(Caleb rolls his eyes.)*

Last year the letter was easy. "Love throwing ball with you Dad. Thanks for the camping trips, throw in some mushy stuff, blah, blah, blah...Love Caleb." But that's not going to cut it this year...not when he takes joy in being my dad and all.

Caleb begins pacing back and forth, thinking.

What dad has taught me...well he's taught me that men over 40 should never, ever "bust a move" when an 80's song plays in the food court at the mall. *(Caleb mimics some 80's dance moves)* Never ever. But a duct taped, shield wielding, 40-year-old ninja dad who is rocking a Nerf® blaster against 4 teenage boys...that's awesome.

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ENDING:

I guess it's really not the words Dad says as much as the things he does that I remember the most. It's cool seeing him in the audience at my concert and seeing his open Bible in his study every day on my way out to school. I see him open Mom's door. I hear him telling Maddy that she's beautiful because of what God sees and I hear Maddy laugh when Dad said he heard God really likes turtle neck shirts and overalls. I see him work on my bike when the baseball game is on because he promised he would. I see Dad burning hamburgers on the grill and

laughing about it, and I hear him calling the waiter by name and asking how his day has been.

Wow. How am I going to put that in letter? *(To audience)* Did any of you happen to write that down? No? Well, I'd better get started. Writing good takes time. *(Laughs)* I meant to say, a well-written letter to an awesome dad takes time.

The end.