One night a terrible fire broke out in an apartment building in a big city. Firefighters rushed to the scene, hoping to put out the flames before they spread to other nearby buildings.

"Is everyone out of the burning building?" the fire chief shouted.

"I think so," one of his firefighters called back. Just then everyone heard a scream. Looking up, they saw a little girl hanging out of a second-story window. "Help me, help me!" she cried.

Strong men took up position below the window. "Jump into our arms," they shouted up at the little girl. "We will catch you."
“No!” the frightened girl screamed. “I can’t jump. I’m afraid.”

“What are we going to do?” the fire chief wondered. “If she doesn’t jump, the fire will burn her.”

Just then a man came running down the street. He saw the firefighters. He saw the burning building. And he saw the little girl hanging out of the window. Rushing to the sidewalk below the girl, he shouted up at her. “Jump! Jump now!”

The frightened girl stopped her screaming and let go of the window frame. Down, down, down she fell, right into the open arms of the man. Together they dropped to the sidewalk, holding each other tightly. Then firefighters led them away from the building and to safety.

“Why?” the fire chief asked. “Why did that little girl refuse to jump into the arms of those strong men, but she quickly fell into the arms of that one man? Who is he?”

A woman standing nearby smiled and pointed. “That’s the little girl’s father. When he told her to jump, she wasn’t afraid because she knew her daddy would catch her.”

Check this! Check the reasons why you think that little girl so quickly jumped from the burning building into her daddy’s arms. You might choose more than one reason:

- She knew her daddy was a college graduate.
- She knew her daddy earned a lot of money at his job.
- She trusted her daddy.
- Her daddy loved her.
- Her daddy was president of a company.
- Her daddy had always helped her when she was in trouble.

The Bible says that we have a heavenly Father, and that we can trust Him because He loves us and always wants to help us when we’re in trouble. He will never leave us alone. That’s very good news! Let’s learn more about our heavenly Father.

God the Father lives in heaven and is so interested in us that He even knows how many hairs we have on our head! He knows when we’re happy, when we’re sad, and when we’re afraid. How does He do all that?

Find the following texts in the LIBRARY section of this lesson and draw a line from the word that describes God the Father to the text that tells about Him. Look at the example:

- changes
- always be
- trustworthy
- faithfulness
- holy
- everything
- love

Leviticus 19:1, 2: God is changes
John 3:16: God is always be
Psalm 90:2: God will trustworthy
Malachi 3:6: God never faithfulness
Jeremiah 23:24: God sees holy
1 John 1:9: God is everything
Exodus 34:6: God has love and love

Fun Facts

**How Much Hair?**

- The average scalp has 100,000 hairs. Redheads have the least at 80,000; brown and black haired persons have about 100,000; and blondes have the most at 120,000.*


**Thank You, Father, for loving me and caring enough for me to want to take care of me, even when everyone else leaves me alone. You are a true Friend. Amen.**