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The best father



Vicki and Sean were riding their bikes down the bush track near home. Vicki saw a sudden shadow, felt a rush of air and then – crack!

A magpie had swooped and clipped her helmet with its beak.

Just as she screamed, it did it again. Dad who was following behind, came up just in time to grab her bike before she fell off in fright. “That’s so scary,” gasped Vicki. “Why do they do that?”

Dad explained that the magpie was a male who was defending his family. To him, people, animals or other birds in his territory could mean danger for the eggs or young chicks in a nearby nest. Magpie fathers not only fiercely defend their babies, but they bring food to the mother bird as she sits on the nest and help with rearing and feeding the young ones too. They are good fathers.



Vicki, Kaylee and Sean’s dad is a good dad, but he isn’t perfect. Sometimes he gets cross or impatient, or forgets things he has promised. But there is one father who is perfect

- God!

Listen to God!

Draw a line from each verse to what it says about God our father.

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| John 10:29 | God our father, loves us greatly. |
| Isaiah 63:16 | God our father, gives us good things. |
| Psalms 103:13 | God our father, always keeps us in his care. |
| Matthew 7:11 | God our father, always protects and rescues us. |
| 1 John 3:1 | God is our father through our faith (trust) in Jesus |
| Galatians 3:26 | God our father, is kind. |

Talk to God!

Tell God what you like best about the fact that he is our perfect father.

