Theme Packets  Fathers

Have You Ever Seen a Father?
(Tune: "Have you ever seen a lassie?")
Have you ever seen a father, a father, a father,  
Have you ever seen a father as special as mine?  
To care for and love me,  
To help and to hug me,
Have you ever seen a father as special as mine?

Hush Little Baby
Hush little baby, don't say a word,  
Papa's going to buy you a mockingbird.  
And if that mockingbird won't sing,  
Papa's going to buy you a diamond ring.  
And if that diamond ring turns brass,  
Papa's going to buy you a looking glass.  
And if that looking glass gets broke,  
Papa's going to buy you a billy goat.  
And if that billy goat won't pull,  
Papa's going to buy you a cart and bull.  
And if that cart and bull turn over,  
Papa's going to buy you a dog named Rover.  
And if that dog named Rover won't bark,  
Papa's going to buy you a horse and cart.  
And if that horse and cart fall down,  
You'll still be the sweetest little baby in town!

This Is My Family
(show one finger at a time)
This is my mother, (thumb)  
This is my father, (pointer)  
This is my brother tall, (middle)  
This is my sister, (ring)  
This is the baby, (pinky)
Oh, how I love them all! (clasp hands)

Dance To Your Daddy
Dance to your daddy,  
My little boy.
Dance to your daddy,  
My little girl.
You shall get a fishy,  
In a little dishy.
You shall get a fishy,  
When the boat comes in.

Things to do Together
• Paper Plate Family Portrait—Have children draw a picture of their family on a paper plate and then punch holes on each side of the plate and thread yarn or ribbon to hang.
• Family Photo Album—Bring out pictures from when you (parents) were little and talk with your children about these pictures: who’s in them, what are they doing, can you recognize anyone, etc. Pictures always encourage discussions which help children with their language development.
• Family Stories—Tell your children stories about when you were little—it could be about anything from the funniest thing you remember to an interesting dream you had. Storytelling, like book sharing is another way to help prepare children for reading success in school.

Other Resources
How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk by Adele Faber

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