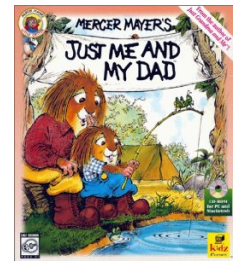




# Just Me And My Dad

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This cute story is about a little critter and his dad spending time together. He tells us all about what him and his dad love to do while camping.

## **Before:**

Before reading the story, take a moment to introduce what it's all about. Use the cover to create questions like, "Do you think this father and son are going camping together?" Also, using the words "I wonder" help to get the children thinking. A good example is, "I wonder what they will do together while camping?"

## **During:**

During the story, make sure to pause and observe the illustrations, and then ask questions about them. Talk about the different activities little critter and his dad are doing and the bad luck they seem to be having on the camping trip. Point out any "rare words" and help define them in a way that the children understand best.

### Rare Words in *Just Me and My Dad*

**Nearby:** close by, very near      **Pitched:** to throw or fling casually      **Snapshot:** a picture taken quickly

**Canoe:** a narrow, keel less boat with pointed ends, propelled by a paddle or paddles

**Launched:** to set a boat in motion by pushing it or letting it roll into the water

## **After:**

Discuss the story. Ask Questions...

- What kind of activities did Little Critter and his dad do while camping?
- What happened when Little Critter tried to cook dinner?
- Who was scared after Little Critter told a ghost story?
- Why did Little Critters' dad have to drive the car?
- How did Little Critters' dad help him fall asleep?



## **Let's Talk About *Just Me and My Dad***

Little Critter and his dad went on a camping trip just the two of them. What kind of activities do you do with just your dad? Do you go on camping trips like Little Critter and his dad? Do you like to fish with your dad or play sports?

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## Balloon Fish Game

Blow up small balloons and place them into a water table or dishpan. Let your children try to catch the "Balloon Fish" with a strainer or net.



## Sing Along

### You Are My Daddy

(To the tune of You are my Sunshine)

You are my daddy, My only  
daddy

You make me happy everyday

I want you to know dad, How  
much I love you

So please don't take my daddy  
away.

## What's inside the kit ?



- *Dads and Moms Are Best* Finger Play
- Felt Story Pieces
- *So Many Fish* Felt Game
- Tool Word to Picture Match
- Tool/Garage Bingo
- Paint Can and Paint Brush Colour Match
- Dad Bingo
- Sports Picture to Word Match

