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- Jesus is the exact representation of the Father.—Hebrews 1:3a
- To see Jesus is to, in essence, see the Father.

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1. Absence—A father that isn't present physically or emotionally.
2. Abuse
3. Anger

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**What does the Father look like?**

- A heart of compassion
- A heart for the lost
- A heart for redemption
- A heart for truth

**How can we see the Father in Jesus?**

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Jesus told stories about the heart of God.

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