

Dad's Talk

Tonight (or this afternoon), you have been given many lessons to learn but one of the most important is the love and respect Rainbow Girls have for their parents. While as teenagers, Rainbow takes us on a journey of lessons to reach the mythical Pot of Gold at the end of the Rainbow, as parents, their children are the Pot of Gold at the end of the Rainbow.

Just a few minutes ago, we talked about our love and devotion for our mothers whose prayers and sacrifices made this day possible. We'd now like to talk about our dads.

As Rainbow Girls, we'd like you to be proud of your dad- or whoever has taken his place, just as your dad is proud of you. He may not know much about Rainbow but it will be special to him if it is special to you.

Dad's want the best for their daughters. One of the best expressions of this is from the song *! Want to Dance*. It says in part:

*I hope you never lose your sense of wonder
You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger
May you never take one single thing for granted
I hope you dance.
I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean
Whenever one door closed I hope one more opens
Promise me you'll give faith a fighting chance
I hope you dance.*

Rainbow will help you learn to dance and because it does it will be special to your dad. We'd like to give you this special Rainbow pin to give to your dad. Help him pin it on his jacket and ask him to come with you to a Rainbow meeting- to share your journey through Rainbow. Parents aren't given to us for a lifetime they are only loaned to us by God for a certain amount of time. Take some time each day to share with your parents. We know parents seem to always want to tell us what to do and how to do it. Rainbow can be your chance to show your Dad what you can do and as a Rainbow Girl you will do a lot.

Talk is presented after initiation and Dad pin is given at this time

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