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   - Less teen pregnancy
   - Less drug use

3. What are some benefits to boys with actively involved fathers?
   - Less violent
   - More empathy
   - Deal with conflict
   - Make better choices
   - Less teen pregnancy
   - Generally do better in school
   - More direction at having a purpose in life
4. What was the traditional role of a father and how has that changed?
   Traditionally, the father was the protector, provider, instructor, and disciplinarian. They had more interaction with their sons than their daughters.
   The role has shifted to include more nurturing by the father, which is encouraged right from the start.

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   T-I-M-E

6. How can fathers “be there” for their children?
   - Show up and be involved
   - Get involved during infancy
   - Spend time playing and teaching
   - Help with homework and chores
   - Create a welcoming home
   - Be available emotionally and physically

7. How should dads go about being consistent with their children?
   - Dads should provide structure and discipline
   - Dads should have consistent expectations
   - Dads should encourage family time
   - Dads should get to know their child’s friends
   - Dads encourage homework habits and routines
   - Dads are chore role models

8. Why is it important that children have a role model?
   Children are born without knowing values and boundaries. They need to be taught by role models. Children assume how their family behaves is how all families behave and they tend to replicate that behavior as adults.

9. In what ways can a father be a role model for his children?
   - Encourage healthy habits such as reading
   - Avoid modeling unhealthy habits such as smoking
   - Model good exercise and nutrition habits
   - Demonstrate community involvement and service
   - Share their spiritual values
   - Foster interaction with diverse groups of people