



IKE TAYLOR

*Dr. Tom's book, Pittsburgh Steelers
Father of Ivon, 5*

How do you react to your son the most?
We live in a tough home, so I hear my son saying, "You want a piece of me, huh?"

Favorite every-day moment with your child.

When he gets into my room around 10:30 a.m., puts the covers off my head, and tells me it's time to get out of bed and play.



Toughest part of the job.
I'm trying to teach him how to be a great father. I want to be his son and realize that it's OK to love, but I also know that he has to figure things out in his own way.

Ask Ivon, "What's the best thing about your dad?"
"My dad's cool car!"

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"I'm a single dad. That's his job."



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MARK TEIXEIRA

First baseman, New York Yankees

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Father of Jack, 6, Addison, 4, and William, 18 months

What did you learn about being a father from your own dad?

Be a good leader and teach your kids right from wrong. It's OK to be strict because kids need those boundaries, as long as they know you love them.

With your intense travel schedule, how do you make the most of your time at home?

I turn off my phone and take the kids places individually and as a group. Pizza and ice cream is always a highlight.

The perfect Father's Day.
Coffee and doughnuts with the kids in the morning, a lazy afternoon playing in the yard, and then going out for pizza and ice cream at night.



RYAN FERNANDEZ

*President of Boston, Inc. (Boston's.com)
Father of Mercedes, 11, Hunter, 9, Boston, 8, and Willow, 6*

First words that pop into your head when you hear "dad." "Why? What? What? Who?"

Favorite family action.
We have no one watching America's Funniest Home Videos. I love watching the real laughing and crying on the only live TV.com.

Job that would best prepare you for fatherhood.

Psychologist. Being a dad is about being able to love a your children and knowing how to reach them. It's important to do it with each child individually.

What did you learn about being a father from your own dad?
So far, being present in my life. My dad would say there are a couple of amazing special events, but I've always been on the field for the amount of time he gave me. I try to do the same.

Job that would best prepare you for fatherhood.
Substitute teacher. Everyone's always when you're there, and you're there for you.

*—Brad Miller, father of James, 10, Isiah, 6, and Devin, 8, author of *Be a Dad for My Daughter**



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