

So You're Gonna Be A DAD – Now What? by Scott Patchin

Ideas for connecting with Dad after you give the gift

This is going to be short – because everyone will be different in terms of what they are comfortable doing. Here is the goal – find a way to get dad away from distractions, relaxed, and in an atmosphere where the two of you can talk. This could be:

- In his garage/workroom helping him with a project (or in your garage using your tools)
- Doing some sort of favorite outdoor activity
- Having coffee in the morning
- Having lunch
- Stopping for a drink after work
- Having his family over for dinner, and the two of you go into another room for 30 minutes
- Get the idea?

So what do you talk about?

Use the book as a starting point. There are questions in there that both of you can answer. Or just start out with: What have been your high points as a father over the past few weeks? What have been the tougher moments? Ask some questions and sit back and let him talk.

Thanks for caring,

Scott