

Signs He's Really a Father

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If you're wondering whether the man in your life qualifies to celebrate this Father's Day, read through eP's guide and see how he rates!



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Fatherhood Hasn't Sunk in Yet if He

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| Recognizes your nursing bra is not some new type of peck-a-boo lingerie. | Tries to use your nursing bra pad as a sponge. |
| Is able to swaddle the baby without duct tape. | Thinks swaddling is a Biblical term. |
| Can get all of the snaps matched up in under a minute after a diaper change. | Cannot tell the back from the front of most baby outfits. |
| Can empty the Diaper Genie in the dark without injuring himself or others. | Asks for help undoing the tabs on a diaper. |
| Actually hears the baby late at night and says, "Go back to sleep, I've got it." | Says, "Maybe she'll go back to sleep." |
| Is amazed you managed to clean up the kitchen and take care of the baby all in the same day. | Is surprised you haven't taken a shower by the time he comes home. |
| Thinks a minivan would be fun to drive. | Doesn't understand why you can't breastfeed while he drives. |
| Leaves the house with a burp cloth on his shoulder. | Cleans the spit-up off his shirt first, then wipes the baby clean. |
| Believes Desitin is one of the most indispensable things in life. | Calls the pediatrician in horror to describe red bumps all over baby's bottom. |



Has a preferred brand of diapers and can tell the difference when you buy the cheap ones.

Vacuums because the floor looks dirty.

Tells everyone the baby got his good looks from you.

Has accepted spit-up as part of life.

Turns the car around because neither one of you remembered to pack the binky.

Ignores your attempt to initiate sex and falls immediately asleep at 9:00 p.m.

Honestly agrees that the outfit your mother bought the baby is cute.

Goes to the drugstore to buy lanolin for your sore nipples.

Can make a bottle and hold the baby at the same time.

Knows at least ten songs to sing to the baby.

Has trouble leaving for work because he misses the baby.

Makes up his own endearing terms for your little one.

Can't stay out of the electronic learning toy aisle at Toys "R" Us.

Does a load of laundry and carefully matches and folds the tiny socks (but still leaves his own in a heap).

Asks if you want to bring along another blanket or maybe a sweater for the baby.

Commiserates with other parents about leaky diapers.

Brings the stroller, car seat and vibrating infant seat into the restaurant.

Can't stop taking pictures, even when the baby is crying or sleeping.

Does not have any compulsion to call his mother when the baby won't stop crying.

Tells you how beautiful motherhood has made you.

Agrees there is nothing sweeter than a sleeping baby.

Asks, "What did I miss?" when he comes home.

Goes out to warm up the car even though it's 70 degrees outside.

Talks about having another.

Has no idea what the cloth vs. disposable debate is.

Washes a nipple using only cold water.

Doesn't think the baby looks like anyone.

Can't tell the difference between a burp cloth and a washcloth.

Turns the car around because he forgot to tape the game.

Initiates sex when the baby has finally been asleep for more than 10 minutes for the first time in 24 hours.

Wants to know why everything has ducks or bears on it.

Wonders why the front of your shirt keeps getting wet spots.

Suggests putting extra formula powder in the bottle to make it more filling.

Sings "Rockabye Baby" and "The Star Spangled Banner" over and over again.

Thinks you'll be glad to go back to work.

Calls the baby "champ" or "sport."

Thinks the baby will like his new computer golf game.

Washes the baby's clothes with his jeans.

Asks, "Do we really need all this stuff?"

Asks, "Isn't this supposed to be brown?" when changing a diaper.

Is sure the baby will just sleep in the restaurant.

Wants the baby to smile for all the pictures.

Does not involuntarily sway from side to side when holding the baby.

Wants to know why you don't wear that little silk dress you used to wear before you were pregnant.

Asks if he should wake the baby up.

Asks, "So, what did you do all day?" when he comes home.

Rolls down the window even though the baby is sitting behind him in the back seat.

Talks about having another. ☺

