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## Boy (9-12) Fishing Trip

The best day I ever had was the first time I went fishing with my dad. Do you like fishing? I'm really good at it, my dad says. I've caught so many fish. I caught one this big! My dad taught me so much about fishing. He said I could take my son one day but I'm not thinking of kids too soon.

We went to Dover Lake, and we got to use a row boat. The water was super deep, and there was green stuff all over the top of the water. Dad said it was algae. He taught me how to bait my hook with real live worms and everything! They were all squishy and I had to dig them out of a bucket of mud. He said I could dig bait like a pro.

I caught the first fish. It was at least a foot long, and had to weigh twenty pounds! I thought it was a catfish, but it didn't have any whiskers. Then Dad thought he had a really huge one, but when he reeled it in, it was only an old boot. We laughed so hard. It was so much fun.

Dad even let me take a fish off the hook. It flopped all over, and I dropped it in the boat. It took me forever to pick it back up again. So squirmy! Then I got to row the boat. It's tougher than it looks, let me tell ya. My arms were sore for three days! But, I'd do it again in a second. I can't wait 'til Dad and I go fishin' again.

He said when I get bigger, he'll take me out on the ocean. Maybe I can catch a shark or a killer whale! Dad said he's going to start calling me Ishmael. I don't get it, but the name is pretty cool. Guess I'll understand after we go fishing on the Pacific!

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