

## WEEK #3 (5-9-21) MOTHER'S DAY

Key Words: HONOR YOUR MOTHER

Memory Verse : Proverbs 31:26 “She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.”

Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-3 ESV Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother (*this is the first commandment with a promise*), that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

Application/ Message: We want to learn these important lessons -that parents, grandparents, or those who care for us, are gifts from God to help kids, that God expects us to have the right attitudes and actions toward them, that we should be thankful for them, and, especially, that even they need Jesus to forgive them, and we must love them even when they are not perfect.

Look at our scripture verse again. What does it mean to HONOR someone? How can we do this?

God wants us to treat our moms (and others) with great respect and care with the goal of pleasing Him, not just them. If we stay connected to God (by praying, reading His word, praising Him in song etc.) He will help us to imitate Him in our words and actions, even when no one is looking. When we do this others see Him in us!

Moms are not perfect, just like we are not perfect. The bible says that “we all sin and fall short of the glory of God”. EVERYONE needs Jesus to forgive them. Forgiving your mom is also another way to honor her and God at the same time.

Have you ever thought of your mom as a gift (from God)? Think of how you feel when you receive special gifts. How do you act? How do you care for and love your special gift? Show your mom today how much you appreciate her. When you do this, you are honoring God by “opening” and enjoying His gift to you.

### Hands on Activities:

MAKE A HAND BOUQUET; You have seen how a bouquet of flowers comes together in a vase or being tied with a ribbon. Use a crayon to outline your hand. (You can color inside the shape, too.) Then outline it again in another color. The hands can overlap so the handprints look like flowers from just you or all the children in the family. You can use paint (tempra from a Dollar Tree store), or even cupcake liners for flowers also. If you use cupcake liners, glue them on the paper as flowers and write what you love about mom in each one.



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**MAKE A CARD:** Fold a piece of paper in half. On the outside, write HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY (or HAPPY GRANDMA'S DAY, etc) Here is a little poem that you can use inside, or you can write anything you want that will bring a smile to their face.

I am like a flower, /That's raised with love by you,  
You help me grow up big and strong. /MOM, Thanks for all you do !!

**LETTER WRITING** "What I like about you . . ."

Have the children write and decorate a letter to their mother (or caretaker) that answers this question. If you have many younger children present, they will need help writing. Encourage them to draw a picture that goes along with what they like. It may be helpful to write common words or phrases on a marker board to help the children write their letters. Some possible examples:

- I like the way you read to me
- I like the way you help me when I'm hurt
- I like it when you pray for me at bedtime
- I like it when you hug me
- I like it when you take me shopping
- I like it when you.....

**Song (to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me")**

Mommy loves me this I know /For she always tells me so. /Hugs and kisses she gives me /When I fall and scrape my knee. /Yes, Mommy loves me /Yes, Mommy loves me /Yes, Mommy loves me /She always tells me so

**PRAYER** : God, we thank you so much for this day. Thank you for your love and how it covers our actions. Thank you for our Moms, Grandmas, Aunts and other females that show us how to love, be kind, and be like you. Thanks for the reminders to pray, share, help others, forgive and spend time with each other. Help us to think of others and encourage them just like our Moms and other women in our lives. We celebrate them today God, honoring their part in our life and saying "thank you for all they do to make our life better". We love you God, thank You for loving us back through our moms. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.

**Optional Activities**

**Mother's Day Gift Box** (Heritage or Memory Moment) PREPARATIONS: Get a box. Place a picture of a Mom, grandmother, caregiver, etc, in the box (*idea courtesy of ministry-to-children*)

HAVE A CHILD read aloud James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

TELL KIDS: "Gifts don't always come in boxes, especially gifts from God. The gifts God gives are often in the shape of people. He gives us special people, like Moms, to love us and raise us with kindness."

(Show kids the gift box.) Do you see this box? Inside it is a gift more valuable than gold and silver. More expensive than jewels or a fast car. No gift is better than this gift. (Open the box and show the picture.) This is my Mom! She's a nice lady who loves God and taught me all about Him. She is more precious than any gift I have ever received.

- Set aside a special time to pray WITH your mom, grandmother, or aunt, etc.

# ★ ♥ BEST ♥ ♥ MOM ♥

★ My mom is \_\_\_\_\_  
Years old.

★ Her favorite  
flower is

★ My mom  
always says

★ Her favorite color is

★ My mom makes  
the BEST

★ She is SO good  
at

★ My best memory  
of my mom is

# EVER!



**10** I love my Mom because she reads me \_\_\_\_\_

**9** I love my Mom because she helps me \_\_\_\_\_

**8** I love my Mom when she makes me laugh by \_\_\_\_\_

**7** I love my Mom because she taught me how to \_\_\_\_\_

**6** I love to hear my Mom sing \_\_\_\_\_

**5** I love my Mom because she finds time to \_\_\_\_\_

**4** I know my Mom cares because she \_\_\_\_\_

**3** I know my Mom is smart because she \_\_\_\_\_

**2** I love my Mom because she works so hard at \_\_\_\_\_

**1** I love my Mom because she's the BEST MOM EVER!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY,  
MOM!

Love,