

*I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.*

*- 2 Timothy 1:5*

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we celebrate Mother's Day this Sunday we are going to look at some of the mother's in the Bible, their faith and how God used them in his great plan. As we celebrate today it is good to reflect on how God has used mother's in amazing ways and how God instructs us to treat our mums. This week's application will be God's directive to children to respect and honour their parents.

I wish all the mothers a very happy Mother's Day. I know that many of you in celebration of today will be contacting extended family and spending special time with your children. The craft at the end of the session this week is optional, if you and your children would like to make a Mother's Day craft.

If you have children in more than one age group, can I please encourage you to pick one program that you feel works best for all your children's ages and complete that together as a family.

Blessings,  
Jess

### **A Time of Prayer**

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Come together in a time prayer with your children. Everyone can share something they would like to pray for or share a God Story. These are stories of where we have been able to see God at work in our lives or each other's lives during this week.

Dear God,  
We thank you for our beautiful mums,  
We thank you for the ways they love us,  
Thank you, for everything they do for us,  
Thank you for all the mums in the Bible.  
Amen.

### **Bible Time**

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1: Ask your children if they know of any mums in the Bible?

2: Watch the following YouTube video on the story of Ruth and the way she loved her mother-in-law.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pyr3Ayl7zVY>

Have your children look up Luke 1:29-33. Encourage them to use the contents page to help them learn their way around their Bibles. Either you or one of your children pray for God's Spirit to be at work in our hearts revealing His meaning.

Ruth and Mary are two examples of mum's in the Bible. Because mums are in the Bible we know that God thinks mums are very special. They are so special that he uses them for important roles in his great plan.

Ruth followed Naomi her mother-in-law and loved her as her own mother. Ruth has her own baby who is important in the Bible because he is an ancestor of Jesus. Mary had a very special role being the mother of Jesus. Earlier in our Covenant series we also learnt about Sarah the mother of Isaac.

Because mums are so special to God the Bible tells us how we are to treat our mums.

3: Turn to Ephesians 6:1-3 read the passage with your children and ask the following two questions:

1. What does it mean to honour or obey your mum?
  - a. Listening to what mum says and trusting that she is right
  - b. Showing mums that you love them, giving them hugs and helping out
  - c. Appreciating what mum's do for you
  - d. Mums aren't perfect. When something goes wrong it is really important that when mum says sorry we forgive her.
  - e. Saying sorry when you do something wrong
2. What will you do each day to show mum that you honour and obey her
  - a. When mum tells you to do something listen and do it right away
  - b. Saying thank you for what mum does or making a thank you card
  - c. Praying for our mums and thanking God for them

## **Application**

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On Mother's Day children will often go above and beyond to make the day special for their mums. From special breakfast to homemade gifts. A lot of the things that children do on Mother's Day will honour mums.

But look at Ephesians 6:1-3 again. Does it mention Mother's Day or your mum's birthday? No, it doesn't, it doesn't mention any particular days. This means that we need to be finding ways to honour mum every day of the year.

Help children to come up with a way to remember that every day they need to honour mum in the little things they do. They might like to put a sticker on the bathroom mirror and when they see it each morning it can remind them that the Bible wants us to honour our parents.

## Craft

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1: In the church we are all part of one big family. This means that all the women in the church are like our sisters, mums and grandmothers. Children may like to make the craft below for their own mum or grandmother, or they might like to send a picture of their craft to another woman in the church.

2: Below are a few suggestions for Mother's Day crafts depending on your supplies and your children's interests, please pick one.

### A Special Prayer to God for Mothers:

Your child might like to write a special prayer to God that centres around mothers. Giving thanks for their own mum, grandmothers and other special women in their lives. Praying for mother's around the world. Praying for all women in the church family who are all mothers to the children of Christ. A prayer of protection and help for all mothers.

### Mother's Day Crafts

Below are some links to beautiful crafts that can be given to mothers. It is always nice to add a beautiful Bible verse to these crafts. This could be a verse about mothers or children can write their mum's favourite Bible verse.

- Fingerprint Tree Heart Craft <https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/valentines-day-heart-fingerprint-tree/>
- This simple flower craft allows children to describe who their mums are to them [https://s18670.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/mom-flower\\_card.pdf?sfvrsn=0&\\_ga=2.139993204.654443688.1588653031-2100098684.1588653031](https://s18670.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/mom-flower_card.pdf?sfvrsn=0&_ga=2.139993204.654443688.1588653031-2100098684.1588653031)
- A pop stick craft saying what you love about Mum <https://www.craftprojectideas.com/craft-stick-mothers-day-sign/>

### Building Project

If your children are into building with materials such as Lego or playdoh, they can build a scene of a special memory that they have with their mum.