



*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 mothers. 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 with your children and encourage them to tell you how they have seen God at work in their lives in the last week. Encourage them to share with you how they put last's week lesson application into practice – putting God as number one.

Today we are going to be praising and thanking God for mothers. Allow your children some time to pray and finish with the below prayer.

Dear God,  
Thank you, for the way our mothers love us,  
Thank you, for how they take care of us,  
Thank you, for all the joy that they bring,  
Thank you, for all they give us,  
Please help us to honour our mothers.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Bible Time

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1: Have your children find the following passages in their Bible placing a bookmark in each. 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 1:8 – 18
- Luke 1:29 – 33
- 2 Timothy 1:5

You or your children reads the above passages.

In our Covenant series we have also looked at the story of Sarah who had to wait a very long time for her son Isaac. Throughout the Bible there are many examples of God using mother's in special ways to bring about His plan. The three passages above and Sarah are a few examples of Mother's in the Bible. God knows that mums are very special and important and because of this their accounts are recorded in the Bible.

- In our First Covenant we learnt about Sarah who was a mother to a great nation. She trusted God and had to wait a very long time to have Isaac.
- Naomi was Ruth's mother in law, but Ruth treated her like her own mother. She loved her and followed her to a new land and to worship God. Ruth has her own baby, Obed who is an ancestor of Jesus.
- Mary the Mother of Jesus found favour with God. She was to give birth to Jesus who is God's son and the Saviour of the whole world. Mary as a mother was extremely important in God's great plan!
- Paul knows that both Timothy's mother and grandmother had a strong faith in God. They had taught Timothy their faith and now he had it too. Seeing and experiencing their parents faith is an important example in a child's faith formation.

2: God uses mums to do special things in his plan and he treasures them as his people. The Bible also gives children instructions on how to honour mums.

Turn to Ephesians 6:1-3 and have one of your children read the passage aloud.

3: Ask your children the following questions and help them think through some answers:

- what they think this passage is telling them to do?
- Where else in the Bible do we see similar instructions?
  - In the Ten Commandments (Ex 20:12 & Deut. 5:16)
  - Colossians 3:20 is similar to Ephesians 6:1-3.

- What are some actions which would honour mum's?
  - Listening to and trusting in what our mums tell us to do
  - Loving our mum's
  - Appreciating what mum's do for us, saying thank you
  - Sometimes mums aren't perfect. When something goes wrong it is really important that when mum says sorry we forgive her.
  - Saying Sorry when we do something wrong
  - Praying for our mums

### **Application**

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1: On Mother's Day children will often do all sorts of special things for their mums. But the Bible encourages us to be doing this all year round, every day, all the time.

In all the passages of the Bible that speak about obeying and honouring parents they never mention a particular day we are to do this. This is because this is a command that we are to do all the time.

Help your children to think of ways they can remember to be honouring of mum's every day. Encourage them to be asking for God's help with this. God wants us to follow what the Bible says and he knows it isn't always easy for us to do that. But God is wanting to help us, all we have to do is ask.

### **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 Mother's Poem/ Letter:**

Children can answer some of the following questions about their mum or important woman in their life and compose it into a letter or poem:

- One activity you enjoy doing with them
- One thing you see that reminds you of them
- One thing you smell that reminds you of them
- What is your favourite memory with them
- You feel loved by them, when they ...

### **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 mother's. It is always nice to add a beautiful Bible verse to these crafts. This could be a verse about mothers or kids 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.

### **Acts of Service:**

If your children do not have an interest in craft or writing, acts of service is another way they can honour their mums. They may like to come up with a list of activities they can do to help mum out and show their love for mum.