

# A Mother's Purse

## UPPER ELEMENTARY LESSON

**Theme:** Mother's Day

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:12

**Memory Verse:** "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12)

**Get Ready:** Click [here](#) to get your complete supply list for this lesson.

## The Children's Sermon

### You'll Need:

- A large purse containing a small Bible, a pack of tissues, chewing gum, comb, mirror, and other items which you may wish to use in the lesson.

### Do This:

**SAY:** Have you hugged your mother today? Well, if you haven't already, make sure you do it before the day is over because this is a very special day. It is Mother's Day! I'm sure all of you already knew that.

Did you also know that the Bible has a lot to say about our mothers? Not all mothers love God, but those who do, the ones who try to teach their children about God have a very special place in his heart. In fact, God made a promise to the children who love and honor their mother and father. The Bible says, "Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you. (Exodus 20:12 NLT)

**ASK:** Does your mother carry a purse? Most mothers carry a great big purse like the one I have with me today. Let's pretend that this is your mother's purse. You might be surprised at what we might find inside. Let's take a look. (Pull out each item and talk about how it relates to what a Christian mother might teach a child.)

- **A Coin purse:** A mother must always be prepared for a financial emergency.
- **A small flashlight:** It is not unusual for the electricity to go off and leave you in the dark.
- **Tissues:** These are always handy for a runny nose, or to wipe away a tear.
- **Chewing gum:** A mother should always have something sweet to encourage others when they are down in the dumps.
- **A mirror:** It is good to check to make sure we are looking our best.
- **Comb or brush:** So that we are always looking our best!
- **Bible:** A mother should always keep a Bible in her purse. It will serve as a reliable guide when helping her children to stay on the right path.

**PRAY:** Dear Father, we thank you for Godly mothers. We are thankful that they are always prepared to help their children and to lead them in the right path. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Bible Memory Verse

**"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12**

## You'll Need:

- A Bible

## Do This:

Lead kids in these steps:

- Read Exodus 20:12.
- Read the verse several times aloud with the class, breaking it up and inviting the kids to repeat after you.
- Invite kids to gather in a circle.
- Give each child a word or a phrase from today's memory verse.
- Lead kids in reciting the memory verse again. This time, invite each child to "arise" or stand, and say their portion of the memory verse when it's their turn, then quickly sit back down.
- Do this several times to teach today's memory verse.

## ASK:

- Tell about one way you honor your mother.
- How does your mom teach you about Jesus?
- How does your mom live like Jesus?

**SAY:** Jesus loves all mothers, and He calls us to love and bless them. Let's stand together today and bless all of the women we call Mom.

## Bible Interactive Experience

## You'll Need:

- A Bible
- [“Proverbs 31 Woman”](#) handout - 1 per child
- Pencils

**Get Ready:** Before class, print the “Proverbs 31 Woman” handout, one per child.

## Do This:

Lead kids in these steps:

- Read Proverbs 31:25-31 out loud.
- Invite kids to listen closely for words that describe their own mom.

## ASK:

- **Which words stood out to you? Why do these remind you of your own mom?**
- **How can you love your mom like Jesus does this week?**
  
- Give each child the “Proverbs 31 Woman” handout.
- Invite them to read today’s passage again, then fill in the blanks on the handout with things their mom does every day that are examples of what each verse speaks to.
- **Example:** “She gives instructions with kindness.”
  - Kids might write about a time when their mom kindly taught them how to bake cookies, ride a bike, or make something special.

**SAY:** Today we read about what the Bible has to say about a mother who loves God. Let’s learn more about that now.

## Virtual Lesson Tip

*You can do this activity with the entire family.*

# Mother's Day

## You'll Need:

- ["Mother's Day"](#) video lesson
- Something to play the video

## Do This:

Show them the video.

## ASK:

- Would you have a hard time writing a Mother's Day note to your mom? Why or why not?
- What is something special about your mom?
- How does your mom show you the love of Jesus?
- How does your mom show others the love of Jesus?

**SAY:** Jesus created our moms who love God to be set apart. We are so lucky to be loved by them.

# A Flower for Mom

## You'll Need:

- Mini cupcakes - 2 per child
- M&M candies
- Cake pop straws - 2 per child
- Green Twizzler candies - 2 per child

- **Ziploc sandwich bags**
- **Napkins**

**Get Ready:** Before the snack, have kids wash their hands.

## **Do This:**

Follow these steps to make the “A Flower for Mom” Snacks:

- Give each child two mini cupcakes.
- Invite kids to decorate their mini cupcakes to look like flowers using M&M candies.
- Explain that one cupcake is for them and the other is for their mom.
- Insert a cake pop straw into the side of the cupcake.
- Cut off the ends of a green Twizzler, and cover the cake pop straw by sliding it through the green Twizzler.
- Put the extra cupcake flower in a Ziploc bag for Mom and set aside.
- Enjoy.

## **ASK:**

- **What does the Bible teach us about mothers?**
- **How is a Mother’s love like God’s love?**
- **What are some ways you can show your mom that you love her?**

## **Mother, May I?**

### **You’ll Need:**

- **A large playing area**

## Do This:

Follow these steps to play the “Mother, May I?” game:

- Select one child to be the “Mother” first. Have them stand at one end of the room facing away from the playing area..
- Have all of the other kids line up at the opposite end of the room, facing the mother.
- The goal is to see who can get to Mother first.
- Explain that you’re going to point to children one at a time. When it’s their turn, they get to ask **“Mother, may I take\_\_ (3) \_\_steps forward?”**
- Mother must reply, “Yes, you may” or “No, you may not, but you may take \_\_\_\_\_ instead.” Mother should fill in the blank with another suggestion. (Mother could ask the child to run backwards instead of forward.) The child must do what the mother says.
- Encourage kids to be creative with their ask: “Mother, may I take three bunny-hops forward?” or “Mother, may I take one somersault forward?”
- If a child forgets to say “Mother, may I” before the question, they have to return to the starting line.
- Whoever makes it to Mother first becomes Mother for the next round.
- Play several rounds as time allows.

**SAY:** You did a great job listening and watching during this game! Part of loving our moms well is listening and obeying what they say. The Bible tells us to “honor your father and mother,” and we do that today and everyday by listening, obeying, and loving our moms like Jesus does.

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# Mother's Day Lanterns

## You'll Need:

- **Small Mason jars (or clean baby food jars with the labels removed)**
- **Colored tissue paper**
- **Markers**
- **Mod Podge**
- **Paintbrushes**
- **Paper plates**
- **Battery-operated tea candles - 1 per child**

**Get Ready:** Before class, cut small squares out of the various colored tissue paper.

## Do This:

To make the "Mother's Day Lantern" crafts, have kids follow these steps:

- Give each child a small glass jar.
- Invite kids to draw a heart, a smiley face, or write notes to their mom on some of the pieces of tissue paper.
- Give each child a paintbrush and paper plate.
- Have kids Mod Podge the tissue paper pieces to the glass jar over the paper plate.
- Allow time to dry.
- Finish the lantern by giving kids a battery-operated tea candle to light with their mom.



**SAY:** Jesus says our moms are beautiful and loved. Take these “Mother’s Day Lanterns” home and give them to your mom. Turn on the candles inside as a reminder to honor and love her everyday.

## My Mom, the Light

### You’ll Need:

- Battery-operated tea candles from the “Mother’s Day Lantern” craft

### Do This:

- Have kids spread out around the room with their tea candles.

**SAY:** Our moms shine the light of Jesus everyday in so many ways. When lit, these candles shine a light just like our moms.

- Invite kids to turn on and hold the tea candle in their hands and silently thank God for all of the ways their mom is a light in their lives.
- Close in prayer.

**PRAY:** Jesus, thank You for our mothers. Thank You for giving our moms hearts that are for You! We pray that they would be blessed today and every day. In Jesus’ name, amen.

## Time to Praise God

### You’ll Need:

- Song: "To Be Like Jesus"  
[Words and Music \(pdf\)](#)  
[MP3 Accompaniment Track](#)
- Song: "Love One Another"  
[Words and Music \(pdf\)](#)  
[MP3 Accompaniment Track](#)

**SAY:** We give thanks for our mothers. Let us show God our love now through worship.

Lead children in singing "To Be Like Jesus" and "Love One Another."

### If You Have Extra Time...

Use these activity sheets to fill in any time and keep kids learning.

- [Coloring Page](#)
- [Crossword](#)
- [Word Search](#)

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- "Mother's Day" video lesson

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- Ziploc sandwich bags
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