

A Mother's Purse

LOWER 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
- ["A Mother's Love"](#) handout - 1 per child
- Crayons or markers

Get Ready: Before class, print the "A Mother's Love" 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 "A Mother's Love" handout.
- Invite them to use crayons or markers to draw them and their mom inside of the picture frame, along with things that they love about their mom.

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?**

SAY: Jesus created our moms to be set apart from the rest. We are so lucky to be loved by them.

One for You, One for Me Treats

You'll Need:

- **Sugar Cookies - 2 per child**
- **Frosting**
- **Sprinkles**
- **Disposable bowl**
- **Plastic wrap**
- **Plastic spoons**
- **Napkins**

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

Do This:

Follow these steps to make the “One for You, One for Me” Snacks:

- Give each child two sugar cookies.
- Invite kids to decorate their two sugar cookies—one for themselves, and one for their mom.
- Put the cookie for Mom into a disposable bowl and cover it with plastic wrap.
- 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?**

Mama Says

Do This:

Follow these steps to play the “Mama Says” game:

- Invite kids to spread out around the room.
- Explain that you’re going to play a game of “Mama Says,” which is played like “Simon Says.”
- Whenever you say “Mama Says” before doing an action, kids should repeat it. If a child moves when you don’t say “Mama Says,” they are out, and get to sit at your feet.
- 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 Lilies

You’ll Need:

- [Mother’s Day How-to video](#)
- **Construction paper**
- **Pencils**
- **Scissors**
- **Tape**
- **Green chenille wire**
- **Yellow chenille wire cut in half**

Do This:

To make the “Mother’s Day Lilies” crafts, have kids follow these steps:

- Give each child a piece of construction paper in the flower petal color of their choice, and have them trace their hand.
- Help kids cut out their hands.
- Invite kids to write “Happy,” “Mother’s,” and “Day” on the three center fingers.
- Roll the palm of each handprint to create a cone shape out of the hand cutout, and tape at the base of the cone, leaving a small hole for the chenille wire.
- Use a pencil to wrap each finger outward and curl the construction paper. Set the hands aside.
- Fold the yellow chenille wire in half and secure it around the green chenille wire to make a stem.

- Thread the chenille wire through the flower petals.

SAY: Jesus says our moms are beautiful and loved just like these flowers. Take these "Mother's Day Lilies" home and give them to your mom as a reminder that you honor and love her everyday.

Mama Bear Prayers

You'll Need:

- A Teddy bear

Do This:

- Have kids gather around in a circle.
- Pass around a teddy bear and invite kids to share one thing they are thankful for about their mom, bonus mom, grandma, or mother figure.
- 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 Godly 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](#)

Complete Supply List

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