

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" Exodus 20:12

You'll Need:

• A Bible

### **Do This:**

Lead kids in these steps:

- Read Exodus 20:12.
- Read the preschool-friendly verse several times aloud with the class, breaking it up and inviting kids to repeat after you.
- Invite kids to sit in a circle.
- As you lead kids in reciting today's Bible verse, lead the class in jumping to their feet when you say "arise."
- Finish reciting the verse, then have each child return to sitting on the floor.
- Recite several times, jumping to your feet whenever you say, "arise."

### ASK:

- Tell about one way your mom shows she loves you.
- How does your mom teach you about Jesus?

**SAY:** Jesus loves all mothers, and He wants us to love them, too.

## **Bible Interactive Experience**

### You'll Need:

- A Bible
- "<u>My Mom</u>" handout 1 per child
- Crayons
- A pen

**Get Ready:** Before class, print the "My Mom" handout, one per child.

### **Do This:**

Lead kids in these steps:

- Read Proverbs 31:25-31 out loud.
- Give each child the "My Mom" handout.
- Invite them to use crayons to color the page with things that remind them of their mom.
- While kids are coloring, make your way around the room to fill in the answers to the questions.

# **SAY:** Today we read about what the Bible has to say about moms who love 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:

• What is something special about your mom?

• How does your mom show you the love of Jesus?

**SAY:** Jesus created our moms to be a lot like Him. We are so lucky to be loved by them and Him.

## One for You, One for Me Treats

### You'll Need:

- Donuts 2 per child
- Brown paper bags 1 per child
- Crayons
- Napkins

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

## **Do This:**

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

- Give each child a brown paper bag and invite them to decorate it for their mom using crayons.
- When kids are finished decorating the bag, give each child a donut to place in the bag for their mom.
- Set the bags aside for the end of class.

# **SAY:** Great job decorating these bags pretty for your mom. Take these donuts home as a sweet treat for her to enjoy!

• Give each child a second donut.

• Enjoy.

### ASK:

• What are some ways you can show your mom that you love her?

## Pretend to Be Mom

## **Do This:**

Follow these steps to play the "Pretend to Be Mom" game:

- Invite kids to spread out around the room.
- Explain that you're going to call out actions, and kids will pretend to be their mom.
  - Pretend to be Mom when...she's dancing.
  - Pretend to be Mom when...she's happy.
  - Pretend to be Mom when...she's hugging you.
  - Pretend to be Mom when...she's singing.
  - Pretend to be Mom when...she's doing chores.
  - Pretend to be Mom when...she's doing her favorite activity.
  - Pretend to be Mom when...she's driving.
  - Pretend to be Mom when...she's getting ready for church.
  - Pretend to be Mom when...you make her something special.
  - Pretend to be Mom when...she's praying to Jesus.
- Play several rounds as time allows, adding different actions Mom might do.

**SAY:** You did a great job pretending to be Mom in 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 and obeying.

### Virtual Lesson Tip

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## Give a Hand for Mom

### You'll Need:

- "Mother's Day" handout 1 per child
- Cardstock
- Pink and yellow paint
- Hand wipes
- A paper plate
- Paint brushes

**Get Ready:** Before the activity, pour pink paint onto a paper plate.

## **Do This:**

To make the "Give a Hand for Mom" crafts, have kids follow these steps:

- Give each child a "Mother's Day" handout.
- Have kids line up with their handouts as you help paint their hands.
- Help kids place their painted hands above each flower stem.
- Give each child hand wipes to clean their hands with.
- Write each child's name on their paper.

**SAY:** Jesus says our moms are beautiful and loved just like these flowers you made. Take these hands home to your mom as a reminder to 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" <u>Words and Music (pdf)</u> <u>MP3 Accompaniment Track</u>
- 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.

• <u>Coloring Page</u>

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