

Mother's Day Match Game

LOWER ELEMENTARY LESSON PLAN

Theme: Giving thanks for our mothers who set a good example by their strong faith in God.

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:5

Memory Verse: I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. - 2 Timothy 1:5

The Children's Sermon

In the Bible, there is a letter that the apostle Paul wrote to a young man named Timothy. In his letter, he praised Timothy for his strong faith in God. He told Timothy that he had seen this same faith in Timothy's grandmother and his mother. No doubt, Timothy developed his own faith by watching these two Godly women.

Many of you children are here in this place today because of the strong faith of your mother. She has brought you here today because she wants you to develop that same faith in God. She wants others to look at you and see the same strong faith in you that they see in her.

Today, we give thanks for our mothers and for the faith that grows in us as we watch the example set by Godly mothers.

Now, let's talk more about this sincere faith legacy. Imagine faith as a tiny seed. Your mom or grandma plants this seed in your heart when they teach you about God, pray with you, and show you how to live a life that makes God happy. Just like a seed needs

water and sunlight to grow, your faith needs love, kindness, and learning more about God to grow big and strong.

Your mom and grandma have a special garden of faith in their hearts. They take care of it every day by talking to God, being kind to others, and following what God says. They have beautiful flowers of faith because they have been taking care of their garden for a long time. Now, they are helping you start your own garden in your heart.

This sincere faith legacy is like a treasure map that leads to a very special treasure. The treasure is not gold or jewels but something much more valuable. It's the love and peace that comes from knowing God. Your mom and grandma are giving you the map by teaching you about God and showing you how to follow Him.

Sometimes, it might seem hard to follow the map. You might not understand everything about God or why we need to do certain things. But remember, your mom and grandma are there to help guide you. They have been following the map for a long time, and they can help you when you have questions or feel lost.

As you grow up, your faith garden will start to grow. You'll learn more about God, and you'll start to see beautiful flowers of love, kindness, and bravery in your heart. These flowers make God very happy, and they make the world a better place.

One day, you might have your own children or help other kids learn about God. You'll be able to share the sincere faith legacy that your mom and grandma shared with you. You'll show them how to plant their own faith seeds and help their gardens grow.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our mothers and for the example they set for us. Help us to live so that others will see the same faith in us that they see in our mothers. Help us to share the sincere faith legacy with everyone we meet. Amen.

Remember, kids, your faith is a beautiful garden that you and your family are growing together. Take care of it, and one day, you'll share your own sincere faith legacy with the world.

Bible Memory Verse

I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. - 2

Timothy 1:5

You Will Need:

- Construction paper
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers or glitter (optional)

Get Ready:

- Gather all materials on a table where children can easily reach them.
- Cut the construction paper into heart shapes, one for each child.

Do This:

1. Give each child a heart-shaped piece of construction paper and markers or crayons.
2. Ask the children to think about why they are thankful for their mothers (or a mother figure in their lives) and how they show strong faith in God, similar to Timothy's mother and grandmother.

3. Have them draw or write on the heart why they are thankful for their mother's faith and how it is a good example for them. They can decorate the heart with stickers or glitter if they want.
4. Once everyone is done, create a 'Thankful Wall' where all the hearts can be displayed. Encourage the children to share their hearts and explain what they wrote or drew.

Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- Construction paper (various colors)
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Scissors (child-safe)
- Glue sticks
- Photos of children's mothers (optional)
- Template of a flower (enough for each child)
- Stickers or decorative items (optional)

Get Ready:

- Cut out flower templates from construction paper.
- Set up a crafting station with markers, crayons, scissors, glue, and decorative items.
- If using photos, have them printed and ready.

Do this:

1. ****Introduction****: Start by reading 2 Timothy 1:5 to the class, explaining that Timothy's faith in God was influenced by his mother and grandmother. Highlight how our mothers and grandmothers can teach us about God's love and faith.
2. ****Crafting a Thankful Flower****:

- Give each child a flower template and ask them to color or decorate it.
- In the center of the flower, they can either draw a picture of their mother or glue a photo if they brought one.
- Around the petals, encourage them to write or draw things they are thankful for about their mother, especially focusing on ways she shows her faith in God. For younger children, you can write for them as they express their thoughts.

3. ****Sharing Circle****:

- Once everyone has finished their Thankful Flower, gather the children in a circle.
- Invite each child to share their flower and talk about one thing they wrote or drew.

This encourages speaking skills and lets them express gratitude openly.

4. ****Closing Prayer****: End with a short prayer, thanking God for the mothers and the faith they instill in their children, similar to Timothy's story. Ask for blessings for all the mothers and families.

5. ****Take Home****: Allow the children to take their Thankful Flower home as a reminder to be thankful for their mothers and the example of faith they set.

Snack Activity: Faithful Flowers Fruit Snack

You'll Need:

- A variety of fruit (grapes, strawberries, blueberries, and bananas)
- Skewers or large toothpicks
- A plate or floral foam block to stand the skewers in

Get Ready: Wash all the fruit and cut strawberries and bananas into slices that will easily go onto the skewers.

Do this:

1. Start by explaining 2 Timothy 1:5, mentioning how Timothy's grandmother Lois and mother Eunice passed down their strong faith to him, just like our mothers and grandmothers do for us. Say that today, we're making a snack that reminds us to be thankful for our mothers and their faith.
2. Let each child pick their fruits and thread them onto the skewers to make 'flowers'. Bananas and strawberries can be the 'petals', blueberries can be the 'center', and grapes can be used to fill in any gaps or add 'leaves'.
3. Once their flower skewers are made, have the children place them in a plate or floral foam block to stand up like a bouquet. Encourage them to share a prayer of thanks for their mothers or any woman in their lives who has helped grow their faith, just like Lois and Eunice did for Timothy.

Game Activity: Faithful Footsteps

You'll Need:

- Sidewalk chalk
- Open space like a driveway or a sidewalk
- Small stones or beanbags

Get Ready: Draw a large hopscotch grid on the ground, but instead of numbers, write attributes of a strong faith like 'Love', 'Patience', 'Kindness', 'Joy', 'Peace', 'Goodness', 'Faithfulness', 'Gentleness', 'Self-Control'. At the start, write 'Me' and at the end write 'Mom'.

Do this:

1. Gather the children and explain that each square represents qualities that our mothers or any strong woman of faith show us through their example, just like Timothy's mother and grandmother in 2 Timothy 1:5.
2. Each child takes a turn tossing their stone or beanbag onto the grid. Before they can hop through the path, they must say one thing they are thankful for about their mother or a mother figure in their life that shows the quality where their stone landed.
3. After reaching 'Mom', they say a short prayer of thanks for their mother's faith and example, then hop back to 'Me', picking up their stone or beanbag on the way back.

Craft Activity: Faithful Flowers for Mom

You'll Need:

- Construction paper (various colors)
- Markers or crayons
- Popsicle sticks
- Glue
- Scissors
- A photo of each child with their mom (optional)

Get Ready: Cut the construction paper into flower shapes ahead of time. Each child will need about 3-5 flowers depending on the time available.

Do this:

1. Have each child color and decorate their paper flowers with markers or crayons. They can write things they are thankful for about their mom on each petal, focusing on how she shows her faith in God. For example, 'Mom prays with me,' 'Mom teaches me about Jesus,' or simply 'Mom loves God.'

2. While the children are decorating, talk to them about 2 Timothy 1:5, explaining how Timothy's faith was influenced by his mother and grandmother. Emphasize the importance of being thankful for having mothers who lead by example in their faith.
3. Once the flowers are decorated, help the children glue a popsicle stick to the back of each flower to create a stem. If they brought a photo, they can glue it to the center of one of the flowers. Arrange the flowers into a bouquet.
4. Encourage the children to give their Faithful Flowers to their moms as a gift, sharing with them what each petal says and why they are thankful for their mom's faith and example.

Prayer Activity: Thankful Hearts for Faithful Moms

You'll Need:

- Construction paper
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers (optional)

Get Ready: Before the activity, cut the construction paper into heart shapes, one for each child.

Do this:

1. Start by reading 2 Timothy 1:5 together, focusing on the faith passed down from mothers. Explain how Timothy's grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice showed strong faith, which Timothy also had.
2. Give each child a heart-shaped piece of construction paper and ask them to think about the ways their mother (or a mother figure) shows her faith in God. Have them draw or write these examples on the heart.

3. Encourage the children to say a short prayer, thanking God for their mothers' faith and asking God to help them follow their good example. They can use their decorated hearts as a focus for their prayer.