

Lesson 11

God Made Mothers

Objective

Students will understand God created our moms and grandmothers and we are to honor them by making a gift to say thank you.

Supplies

Teachers and/or Coordinators ensure supplies are ready prior to each class.

Print from the Site:

- Mom or Grandma Card – each student chooses one. Print on white cardstock

Items to Bring from Previous Lesson Plan:

- Attendance Chart
- Stickers (for attendance)

Other Items to Bring:

- Bible (Yours and enough for each student to have one)
- Pens/Pencils/Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Scissors (one for each student)

Flower Pot with Live Plant

- Small flowering plant with pot that can be decorated - one for each student
- Wax or colored paper – one small piece per student to wrap around the base of flower pot to ensure dirt/water doesn't spill
- Various stickers – hearts, flowers, thanks, etc. – enough to share
- Sharpie pen – one to share to write on flower pot
- Elastic band – one per student to fit over flower pot to hold wax paper in place



OR

- Ribbon – one piece per student to wrap around flower pot and make a bow

Optional Supplies:

- Snack – Your choice

Print from the Site:

- Showing Love Sheet – one per student
- My Mom Word Search – one per student

Teacher Tips:

- ★ See Lesson Plan 1 for tips on how to keep the classroom engaged.

1) Introduction to Lesson

10 minutes

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance (using attendance chart supplied). Hand out a Bible to each student.

Say: Today we are going to talk about God and the fact that He made our families. God made our moms and grandmothers. We are going to look through the Bible to see that God loves us so much He created families to help take care of us – including mothers! Today we are going to make a special gift for our mothers or if you would prefer for your grandmother and we'll make a card that goes with it! Let's get started!

2) Verses on the Importance of Honoring Mothers

15-20 minutes

Mothers are very special, so special that they are mentioned in the Bible. The Bible gives us instructions on how to treat our mother.

Jesus says in the New Testament that we should honor our father and mother.

Ephesians 6:1-3

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—“ so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

Each commandment is very important and God gave each commandment for a reason. Let's look at what does honor mean anyway? Honor can mean many things. When we listen, obey, love, appreciate, and forgive our mom that is how we honor her. That means when she asks you to do something you should do it right away without complaining.

When you show you love your mom by hugging her and telling her that you love her that's another way to honor. You can also appreciate your mom by thanking her when she does things for you (cleaning the house and your clothes, making supper, helping you, etc.).

Our mom won't be perfect all the time, we all make mistakes. So we should forgive our moms when they make mistakes because God asks us too. All these ways show honor and applies to our aunts and grandmas as well.

This verse also says that children, need to obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. I know that sometimes you don't always want to obey your parents but it's important that you obey them because it makes God happy!

One last thing, no matter how old you get your mom is your mom. Sometimes you might think that you can talk back to your parents or that you know more than them, but you should never be disrespectful. The Bible says to obey your parents always, not just when you are a kid. Your parents want the best for you and they know what they're talking about.

Do you have any questions about this verse? (Let students ask and provide answer if you can from the Bible, if you need help, tell them you will look it up and get back to them and then do so for the next week.)

Another verse in the Bible asks us to bless our mom.

Proverbs 31:28 "Her children arise and call her blessed."

We should tell others how special our mom is, but we need to let her know as well! God made her to take care of you and she works hard to make sure you have all you need. Thank God and say nice things to your mom to thank her for all she does.

Don't forget that we also have a Heavenly Father that cares and loves us no matter what. So if you don't have a mother around all the time (or even if you do) God is always

there! He is there when our mother can't be. God is so good – He blesses us with families and promises us to be there for us as well.

3) Flower Pot Gift for Mom or Grandma

10 minutes

Before class: Purchase, or make from your garden a small inexpensive flowering plant for each child before class. Gather ribbon or band, stickers, and sharpie pen before class.

During class: Hand out one plant to each child along with some stickers.

Tell the children that **today we are going to decorate a flower pot with a plant to give to our mothers, or if you prefer, your grandmother to thank them for all they do.** Instruct students to wrap paper over the pot and either tie a bow with ribbon or attach with elastic band. Decorate the pot with stickers and using a Sharpie, allow them or yourself to write To Mom (or Grandma) From _____.

On it. Remind the students that **God created plants and because of the wonderful things God created we are able to**

make our moms or grandmothers happy by sharing what God made with our family! Allow kids time to decorate, color with markers if possible and then put the plants and pots aside for the children to take to home later.

Have students each share one thing they think is special about their mom or grandma.



4) Card for Mom or Grandma

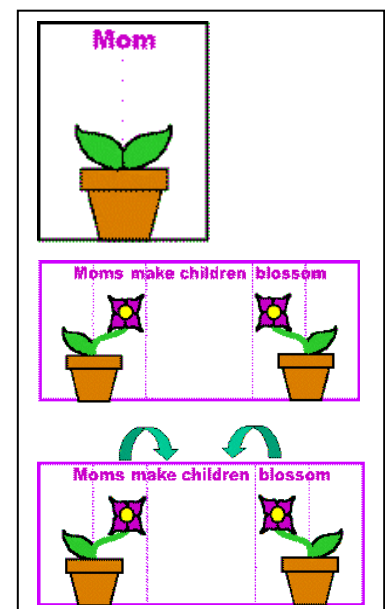
15 minutes

Prep: Print mother and grandmother cards for students. Gather crayons. For mother cards, cut out the shape of the card with scissors before class.

During class: Ask students whether they want to make a card for their mother or their grandmother and hand out the appropriate card to color.

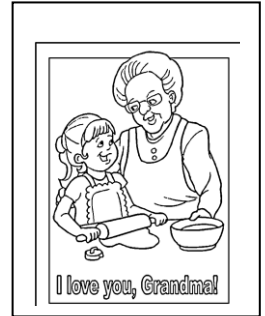
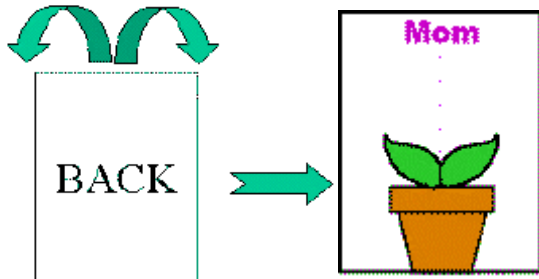
For the mother's card: Let students scribble color the flowers, flower pot and write a nice message in the middle center blank square.

Fold inward along the inner most dotted lines and when done, you will end up looking at the back of one of the flaps.



Now fold outward along the outer most dotted lines and you'll end up with a card that says "Mom" and has a sprout growing out of it.

Have kids write their names on their card and sign it for their moms. Have assistant go around and help them decide on a message to say to their mom. Fold the card as directed, let the kids color the pages and then clean up.



*For Grandma –This is for children who choose to make their grandma a gift and card rather than their mom (Not every child has a mom to give gifts too).

Make sure the grandma card is printed and available. Fold the card in half so the picture of the grandma with child is facing the front.

The child colors the front and puts a message on the inside with their signature. They can also draw a picture in the middle too!

While the kids finish have kids come up with one or two ways they can be nice to their mom or grandma this week/weekend as they clean up.

5) Optional – Showing Love and Word Search

15 minutes

Hand out sheets to each student with crayons/pencils. Go through each sheet helping the children understand the directions. For younger students you may want to only print the color page and word search. Older students can choose which they prefer. Tell students they can take home the remainder of the pages to do later if you run out of time.

Showing Love to My Mom Crossword

Answers:
 1. We do this when we listen, obey, love, appreciate and forgive our moms.
 2. ...
 3. ...
 4. ...
 5. ...
 6. ...
 7. ...
 8. ...
 9. ...
 10. ...
 11. ...
 12. ...

PROVERBS 31
 EXODUS 20:12

My Mom Word Search

K S S E L B B H
 X S T H A N K E
 D R C Y E B O L
 H M O T H E R P

Draw, help, mother, obey, thank.

Print the words and color the picture.

6) Optional – Old Testament Song, Etc.

5 minutes

Practice learning Books of the Old Testament. You can sing them to the ABC Song.

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges....

See song ideas from previous lessons

7) Optional – Snack: Your Choice

5 minutes

“You’ve all done a great job this morning learning that God made our mothers and grandmothers and that we are to honor them. Now let’s all enjoy a treat while we think about the nice things we have made for our mothers or grandmothers today.” Hand out a few pieces. Ask the students: **What are ways we can show honor to our parents and grandparents this week?** Review verses that the students looked through today and ask them to tell you their favorite verse from the ones we looked at today and why. After snack have kids clean up.

8) Closing Prayer

**Ask if there are any prayer requests that kids want to share. Make a list.

Thank God that You created the world and that as we learned today, You created mothers and grandmothers too. Thank You God as well that You made our families like our moms, dads and grandparents, but even better, when we follow God, we have an even bigger family that God made for us – the church! Thank you, God, that we have so many people in our lives that care for us and love us and thank you God that You made them all to be in our lives! In Jesus name, Amen.

9) Things to Remember

Thank the children for coming.

Encourage them to share what they learned with their family.

Make sure students leave with a responsible person and take their sheets.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!