

Preschool Spring
Lesson 10:
God Made Mothers – Mother’s Day

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Do activities that show them that moms are special and are a blessing from God

Accommodations: How will I accommodate individual needs of students?

- See Lesson 1 for a complete list of ideas

Supplies: Check with coordinator to ensure supplies are ready.

All sheets and templates will be on the CD or in the Binder.

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Sheet
- Stickers – enough for each child to have one every lesson for 13 lessons
- Tape to share
- Scissors to share
- Mother’s Day Flower Craft Template – one template per child, two on a page cut out before class – print on colored paper or white if you are going to let students color first.
- Chenille or Pipe Cleaner Sticks – one per child
- Mother’s Day Card Page – one per child

Optional Activities

- God Made Mothers Color Page – one per child
- Dolls that represent family – dad, mom, sisters, brothers, baby, etc. and/or books that show children about families and especially mothers.
 - “I’m Glad God thought of Mothers” Book (see CD for scanned images) or borrow from library – A Happy Day Book by Dot Cachiaras
 - Snack: Your choice - enough to share
 - Napkins
 - Cups with water or milk

Lesson:

1) Introduction to lesson:

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance (using attendance chart supplied). Let each child put a sticker beside their name for this week. If a new student comes, write their name and have them put a sticker on for this week also. Have them all sit around the table.

Share with students, **“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!**

*If available get dolls that represent each member of the family you will sing about below before class.

First let's sing a song about Jesus and our families:

(Use dolls to show children as you go through each family member)

With Jesus in the Family

With Daddy in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Daddy in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Mommy in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Mommy in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Brother in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Brother in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Sister in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Sister in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Baby in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Baby in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

With Jesus in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home. Happy, happy home.
With Jesus in the family, happy, happy home.
Happy, happy home!

2) Mother's Day Card and Bible Verses

10 minutes

Hand out one color page card to each child and read the words on the page while you hand out crayons.

Ask the students:

What do you see on the picture? Ducks.

Who is the biggest duck? The mom

Who are the little ducks? Her babies.

What is she doing? Keeping them safe on her back while they travel.

How does your mom keep you safe when you travel? Puts you in car seat, dresses you for the weather, drives safely, etc.

Who made our moms? God!



God made our moms, our dads, our brothers, sisters and us. God is great for making your family and blessing you!

Let's color the page and today we will give it to our Mothers for Mother's Day. Today is the day we celebrate our moms! Let's think of all that our moms do for us while we color and while we color I am going to read from the Bible to see what God says about how we should treat and think of our mothers.

Read **Ephesians 6:1-3**

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. What does honor mean anyway? 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.) Let's think of how wonderful our moms are as we make this special card for them. You will give it to her after class today!

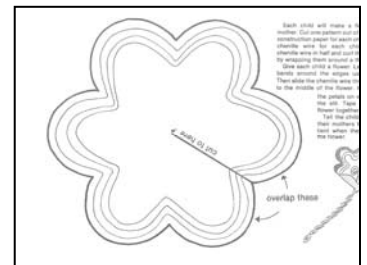
3) Mother's Day Flower Craft

15 minutes

Before class cut out flower templates – one per child.

During class, hand out one flower template to each child with crayons and ask them to color. While they are coloring say:

We are going to make a special flower for our mom or grandma. First I want you to color the flower – you can use lots of colors or just one. Color the bands around the flower to make it look extra special.



While children are coloring, fold each chenille wire in half and wrap it as shown in the template picture. Curl the loose ends by wrapping them around a pencil. Have students help clean up before moving on to the next activity. When children are done coloring, slide the wire through the space and then fold the flower, overlapping the petals to touch each other and then tape the two slits together to make a 3 dimensional flower with the wire being the stem of the flower. Tell the students to tell their moms **"Thank you for being my mom"** when they give the flower and card to them.

4) Optional – Mother Says – Action Game

5 minutes

Line the students up in a row so that they can all see you and have enough space to move their hands and feet without hitting anyone beside them.

Say to the students: **We are going to play a game about listening to our mothers. I want you to follow and do what I say.** When I say, **"Mother says"**, I want you to do

what she says, ok?" The idea is you ask the students to do different things that would show honor to their mom.

Ready? Everyone quiet and listen.....good job...

Here are some ideas to get started, you can add your own as well.

- Mother says clean your room (pretend to clean)
- Mother says go to bed (lay down and pretend to fall asleep)
- Mother says do your homework (pretend to do homework)
- Mother says help your mother (act like they are helping mom with something)
- Mother says stand up straight (practice good posture)
- Mother says eat your supper before desert (pretend to eat)
- Mother says brush your teeth (pretend to brush teeth)
- Mother says give a hug (pretend to hug)
- Mother says say thank you (say thank you)
- Mother says say I love you (say I love you)

Thank class for playing and then have them sit at the table for the next activity.

5) Optional: Read Story, "I'm Glad God thought of Mothers" (10 minutes)

On the CD is a folder with the book, "I'm Glad God thought of Mothers." You can print this and read it to the children aloud or bring a laptop and flip through each page on the computer while you read the words. This is to help them understand that God created animals, birds, fish, and people – including our mothers and how we all have special family units thanks to God's wonderful design!

6) Optional - God Made Mothers Color Page 10 minutes

Hand out one color page to each child. Hand out crayons as well.

Talk about what the students see in the picture. (A mom holding her baby and keeping him or her warm and safe in a blanket and giving the baby love.)

Ask:

This is a picture of Eve. Remember God made Adam and Eve the first man and woman and they had many children. What way is Eve taking care of her baby?

How does your mom take care of you?



Help them write their names on the page when finished and get them to help clean up the crayons before moving on to the next activity.

7) Optional: God and Families 5-10 minutes

Pass around dolls, books about families or moms and other things that will help children remember that they learned about the fact that God made mothers.

Say, **"The Bible tells us that God made mothers. As we play with these books and dolls let's remember that God made our families and that includes our moms! We are very special because we have been blessed with grandmothers and mothers and family that care for us.**

We need to remember to thank God for all the good things He has made for us, because God is great! Let students play with the dolls and books and then clean up.

8) Sing

Choose songs from the Songs section of the binder

9) Optional – Snack Your Choice

5 minutes

Hand out a snack of your choosing along with a glass of water or juice to each child. Say: **“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.”**

Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands. Discuss questions while snacking!
After snack have kids clean up. Then move on to the remaining activities.

10) Close in prayer

Thank God that He created the world and that as we learned today, God created mothers and grandmothers too. Thank God as well that he 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.