

Preschool Spring

Lesson 10:

Mother's Day

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Do activities that show them that moms are special and are a blessing from God
- 2) Make a special gift to give to their mothers or grandmothers.

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 website 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
- Mother's Day Card or Grandmother Card – one per child to choose printed on white cardstock

Choose one or both of the crafts below:

Decorate Flower Pot with Live Plant

- Small flowering plant with pot that can be decorated (for one or two dollars) 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
- 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
- Various stickers that represent Mother's Day ideas – hearts, flowers, thanks, etc. – enough to share
- Sharpie pen – one to share to write on flower pot

Mother's Day Basket Craft

- Mother's Day Basket Craft Template – printed on white cardstock paper – one per student and cut out before class
- Treats for mom or grandma to go in basket – enough per student ex: candies, pencils, gum, small pad of paper, etc.
- Construction paper or cardstock paper scraps to make a base for gift basket – enough for each child

Optional Activities

- 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 purchased online or borrow from library – A Happy Day Book by Dot Cachiaras
 - Snack: Your choice - enough to share
 - Napkins
 - Cups with water
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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. Have them all sit around the table.

Share with students, **“Today is a special day. Today is a day we celebrate our moms and grandmas. Moms and grandmas are a special gift from God. They take care of us, love us, and help us. Maybe your mom or grandma helped you get to church services today. 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 or Grandmother's Day Flower Pot Gift

10 minutes

Before class: Purchase a small flowering plant for a dollar or two one for each child before class. Gather 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 inside to give to our mothers, or if they prefer, their grandmother for Mother's Day.** Have them 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.

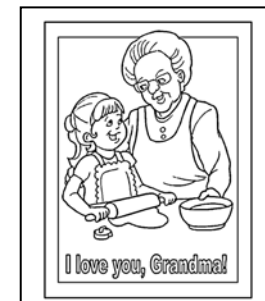


3) Mother or Grandmother's Card

10- 15 minutes

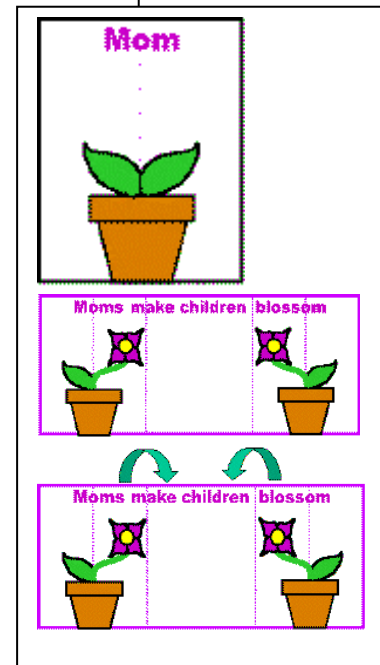
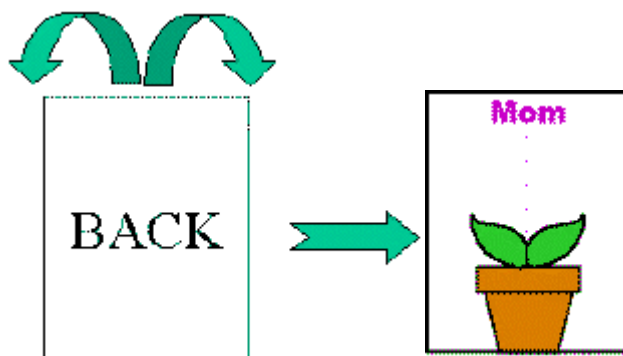
Before class: Print mother and grandmother cards for students. Gather crayons. For mother cards, cut out the shape of the card with scissors before class.

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 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.

Read **Ephesians 6:1-3**

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“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 and grandmas are as we make this special card for them. You will give it to her after class today!

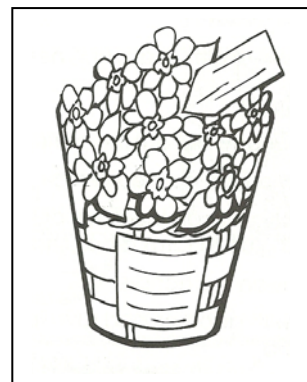
4) Mother's Day Flower Basket Craft

15 minutes

Before class cut out flower basket templates – one per child. Gather tape, crayons, construction paper bases, and special treats you have chosen to place inside basket.

During class: hand out one flower basket template to each child with crayons and ask them to color. While they are coloring say: **We are going to make a special gift for our moms/grandmas. It is a basket full of flowers! Inside we will put a special treat for them as well!**

Cut a circle for the bottom of the basket out of construction or cardstock paper and then tape it to the bottom of the basket so that you can insert some candies, lip balm, pencils, or other goodies in the basket as a gift for the students' mothers or grandmothers.



Tape the basket together where the tabs are located and have students fill in the “To and From” sections with your help if needed.

When done, help students insert a treat or two inside and ask the students to tell their moms **“Thank you for being my mom”** when they give the flower basket and card to them.

5) 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.

6) Optional: Read Story, “I’m Glad God thought of Mothers” 10 minutes

Read the book, “I’m Glad God thought of Mothers.” 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!

7) Optional: Jesus and our Families 10-15 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 and we should be happy that our mom’s help us learn about Jesus our friend.

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. Our family teaches us about Jesus our special friend so we can say thank you to our moms for helping us learn about Jesus by bringing us to Sunday school and church services!**

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.”** Talk about what nice things each student can do for their mom/grandma this week to show how much they love them. (Ex: put away toys, go to bed when asked, say “I love you”, etc.) 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 you God that You created the world and that as we learned today, God blessed us with 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.