

# Lesson 11: God Made Mothers

**Objectives:** Students will...

- 1) Understand that God created mothers and grandmothers
- 2) Understand that God asks us to honor our mothers in the Lord
- 3) Make a gift to give to their mother or grandmother as a way to thank and honor them.

**Accommodations:** See Lesson 1 for ideas

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## Supplies:

- Pens/Pencils
- Bible (please bring your own)
- Attendance Sheet
- Stickers – one per student for attendance
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Mother's day Card or Grandmother Card printed on white cardstock (one for each student to choose)

## 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
- Student Activity pages – word search, color page, fill in words all about Mothers.



## Optional Activities

- Snack – your choice
- Napkins
- Cups with water or milk
- “I'm Glad God thought of Mothers” Book borrowed from library or purchased online – A Happy Day Book by Dot Cachiaras

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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). Have them sit around the table.

**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

5-10 minutes

**Mothers are very special, so special that they are mentioned in the Bible. Since the Bible is like an instruction manual for us, it gives us instructions on how to treat our mother.**

**Do any of you know what the Ten Commandments are? They were rules that God gave to Moses in the Old Testament. Jesus again says in the New Testament that we should obey some of these rules still – including honoring your father and mother.**

**Exodus 20:12**

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.”

**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. To start being able to understand this commandment, let's look at what does honor mean anyway? (Ask children to raise hands if they know) 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 to show honor applies to grandmas as well.**

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

**Proverbs 31: 28**

"Her children arise and call her blessed."

**The last verse we're going to talk about today says: Children, 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.**

**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 too! 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) 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.



#### 4) Mother or Grandmother's Card

10- 15 minutes

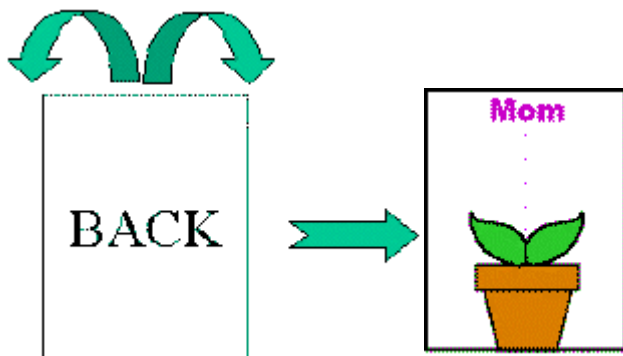
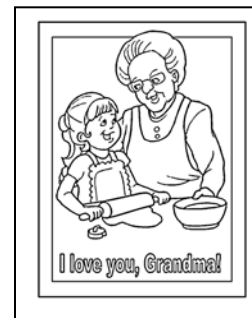
**Before class:** Print mother and grandmother cards for students. Gather crayons. For mother cards, cut out the shape of the card with scissors before class.

**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.

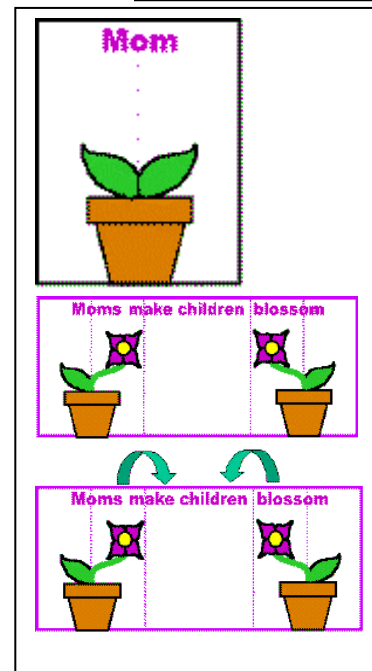
For the mother card: Let students scribble color the flowers, flower pot and write a nice message in the middle center blank square.

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.

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

This is to help them understand that God created animals, birds, fish, and people and how we all have special family units thanks to God's wonderful design!

**6) Student Activities based on Mother's Day 10-15 minutes**

Hand out sheets to each student

Go through each sheet helping the children understand the directions. For younger kids you may want to only print the color page and word search. Older kids can do them all. Tell kids they can take home the remainder of the pages to do later if you run out of time.

**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 couple of treats to each child with a glass of water or milk. Talk about all the ways they plan to show honor to their families this week. After snack have kids clean up. Then, move on to the remaining activities.

**8) 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!

**9) Remind students**

To take home any sheets or crafts. Thank them for coming and ask them to help clean up before they leave.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!