

Lesson: Mother's Day

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Learn of the example of a wise mother from Proverbs 31
- 2) Discuss questions on what makes a wise Godly woman.
- 3) Make a card for Mothers or Grandmothers.

Supplies:

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Bible(s)
- Markers/Pencil Crayons
- Pens/Pencils
- Attendance Chart (See Template)
- Stickers for Attendance
- Mother's Day Card Template – print one page for every 6 students on white paper
- Cardstock or construction paper – one per child, light colors to choose from
- Patterned paper – to cut out flower pattern – one paper will make at least 6 flowers
- Orange construction paper – for flower centers – one paper will make at least 12 circles
- Glue sticks to share
- Scissors to share
- White craft glue to share
- ½ inch wide ribbon in two complimentary colors - 12 inches of each color per child

Optional:

Bookmark for Mother's

- Bookmark Template – five on a page – print on white cardstock – one bookmark per child
- Same ribbon as used for Cards – 8 inches long – one per child for bookmark
- Scrap patterned paper to cut out heart shapes – enough for each child to make a heart for bookmark
- Glue and Scissors to share
- Hole-punch to share

Snack:

- Something made of flax like muffins or bagels one per child
- Napkins for snack one per child
- Juice or water and cup one per child

Lesson:

1) Introduction to lesson

5 minutes

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming.

Take attendance. **“Does anyone know what day it is today? Raise your hand if you know.”**

(Encourage children to raise hands to answer and choose a child who is sitting quietly with their hand raised.) **It's Mother's Day!**

God gave us Mother's and today is when we celebrate our Mother's or Grandmother's as the women in our lives who have helped raise us! Today we will talk about a wise mother that is talked about in the Bible. Today we will also make cards for our Mother's or Grandmother's to show them how special they are.

Can anyone raise their hand and tell me of a woman in the Bible that was wise? Raise your hand if you know. (Some answers if any might be Mary, Ruth, Esther)

2) Making Mother's Day Cards

10-20 minutes

Hand out one piece of light colored cardstock paper to each child along with pencil crayons, scissors and glue to share. Tell the students, **"Today we are going to make a card for our Mom's or Grandma's today."** I am going to go around the room while you fold your paper in half to make a card shape; I am going to ask you if you want to make a mom card or a grandma card." (Go around room, and allow anyone who wants to make a Grandma card do so, in case someone does not have a mom to give a card too, it will be just like the Mom card but only have a ribbon letter for "G" and the child will write out the other letters after the "G" r-a-n-d-m-a. Then the same flower design for the mom card can be placed somewhere on the Grandma card to look nice, they can write whatever is appropriate on the inside of the card, same as the other students.)

1. Fold card stock in half to create the greeting card. See Picture.
2. Print and cut out flower pattern template. Hand out one flower pattern to each child and have them trace pattern onto the back of the patterned paper. Cut the flower shape out of the patterned paper, but do not cut the center circle. See Photo below.
3. Trace the center circle onto orange construction paper. See Photo.



4. Cut out construction paper circle and glue it to the center of the patterned paper flower. See Photo below.
5. Glue the paper flower onto the center of the card.
6. Cut ribbon into pieces to create the letter "M". Use white craft glue to "write" the letter "M" onto the card, and then place the ribbon onto the glue. Use glue to tack the ends that overlap.



When finished, have the children write something nice inside the card to their Grandma's or Mom's and then sign their names at the bottom. Have them write **Proverbs 31** on the card also. Have children help you clean up the mess and then move on to the next activity. (Note – you may have to write something for the children who are too young or who have trouble writing themselves. As well, you may have to cut out some of the pieces for children who have difficulty. If you know this, maybe cut some flowers out before class to save time.)

3) Learning about the Wise Wife of Proverbs

5-10 minutes

Let's all get our Bibles and turn to Proverbs 31:10-31. This is a proverb about a noble wife. This is someone whom we can look to and admire. This woman was wise. And if you are a boy and you decide to get married someday, you can be wise and look to this proverb to see

what type of woman you should marry, if you are a girl you can look to this to see what type of wife is Godly, noble, and wise, and you can look to this to see if people in your life are like this woman – and if so thank them and give them praise for being a Godly woman too! Follow along now as I read this.

Proverbs 31:10-31

Epilogue: The Wife of Noble Character

- ¹⁰ A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.
- ¹¹ Her husband has full confidence in her
and lacks nothing of value.
- ¹² She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.
- ¹³ She selects wool and flax
and works with eager hands.
- ¹⁴ She is like the merchant ships,
bringing her food from afar.
- ¹⁵ She gets up while it is still night;
she provides food for her family
and portions for her female servants.
- ¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it;
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
- ¹⁷ She sets about her work vigorously;
her arms are strong for her tasks.
- ¹⁸ She sees that her trading is profitable,
and her lamp does not go out at night.
- ¹⁹ In her hand she holds the distaff
and grasps the spindle with her fingers.
- ²⁰ She opens her arms to the poor
and extends her hands to the needy.
- ²¹ When it snows, she has no fear for her
household;

- for all of them are clothed in scarlet.
- ²² She makes coverings for her bed;
she is clothed in fine linen and purple.
- ²³ Her husband is respected at the city gate,
where he takes his seat among the elders of
the land.
- ²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them,
and supplies the merchants with sashes.
- ²⁵ She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.
- ²⁶ She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
- ²⁷ She watches over the affairs of her
household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- ²⁸ Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
- ²⁹ “Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all.”
- ³⁰ Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be
praised.
- ³¹ Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the
city gate.

Discussion questions:

What are some qualities or characteristics mentioned that made this woman noble and wise? Here are some ideas:

Verse 11 - She is deserving of confidence – her husband can trust her

Verse 12 - She thinks of her family and does good things for them

Verse 13 and on – She is hardworking, smart and provides for her family what they need

Verse 17– She is strong and physically fit to do work as needed

Verse 19 – She is able to work and provide for her family by making things

Verse 20 – She is Godly and helps the poor and needy

Verse 26 – She is wise and speaks of Godly things from the Bible

Verse 27 – She is not lazy and looks out for the needs of her family

Verse 30 – She fears the Lord and follows His commands

In verse 28 what is something we should do when we have a wise and noble mom or grandma like this woman? Praise her and call her blessed by God.

Any Questions?

We have a way to say thank you to our Moms or Grandmas today, we are going to make a gift to help your mom or grandma remember to be wise!

4) Optional – Bookmark for Mother’s Day

10-15 minutes



Before class make sure bookmarks are printed on Cardstock or construction paper using template provided. Have a hole-punch available or before class hole-punch each bookmark as shown.

Hand out one bookmark to each child along with scrap patterned paper and scissors. Have children cut out a heart shape that will fit on the bookmark and glue it on the bookmark. Next, have students write a message on the bookmark like “I love you” or something nice. Then, hand out pieces of ribbon and feed the free ends through the back of the hole, and then pull the ends through the loop you created on the

opposite side. Tighten, then trim the ribbon ends to match.

Ask students to help clean up before moving on to the next activity.

5) Optional – Snack: Flax Seed Muffins/Bagels, Bread or Crackers

5 minutes

Hand out the item made with flax along with a glass of water or juice to each child. Explain that, **“Just like the noble wise woman in Proverbs who selected wool and flax, today we are going to eat a snack made of flax.** If possible show them the flax seed that they are eating. **This week let us try to be wise in our actions like the wise woman of Proverbs was and let us remember to be kind to everyone.”**

Have a napkin for children to clean their hands. Discuss questions and examples of how we can be wise, while snacking!

6) Optional – Song

5 minutes

The Books of the Old Testament – Tune Alphabet Song or 10 Little Ladybugs x 2 times

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers
Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges
Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2
Chronicles.
Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther and Job,
Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes.

Song of Songs, Isaiah, Jeremiah,
Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel.
Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah,
Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk
Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi!

7) Close in prayer

*If desired, ask the children if they have any prayer requests and write them down to help you remember. Then ask all children to bow their heads and fold their hands to pray. Start below if you need help and then add the other prayer requests of the children.

Thank you, God, for mothers and grandmothers. Help us to remember that we need to appreciate and be thankful for all the women in our lives that help take care of us. We pray that they will turn to You God and learn how to be godly people like our mothers and grandmothers. Thank you for allowing us to make gifts today to hand out and thank you for loving us! In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.