

Bonus Lesson: Mother's Day

**Matthew 6:25-32; Proverbs 31:10; Hosea 13:8;
Deuteronomy 32:11-12; Matthew 23:37; Isaiah 66:12-13**

Bible Point: God made mothers.

***Bold text** is spoken text.*

Getting Started

Supplies: Bible, a pair of rolled up socks, a set of keys, a package of food, a dish rag, and a toy with a Band-Aid stuck on it

Read Matthew 6:26.

Say: **Happy Mother's Day! On Mother's Day, we celebrate moms. Some days, kids ask their moms the questions in this verse, like "When will I eat?" or "What can I do?" or "What should I wear?" Moms love kids and know exactly what kids need exactly when they need it. In fact, moms might even know what kids need before they ask. Take a minute to list all the things good moms provide or do for kids.** Allow one minute for families to call out ideas.

Say: **I'm going to give you a chance to see how much moms love their kids and how they give their kids everything they need.**

Family members will stand in a circle, with the five household items at one person's feet. That person will toss one of the items around the circle in a pattern, saying the name of the person they're about to toss the item to. Play several rotations of the pattern to get comfortable—it should feel easy. After a few times around, add one more item. Toss the second item right after the first in a rhythm. After a few tries, add in another item...then another... and another! If someone drops the item, he or she picks it up quickly and continues the pattern. Play several rounds.

Ask: • **What was easy or difficult about this game?**

• **How is this game like or unlike what moms do for their kids?**

• **How can we thank our moms for all they do to take care of us?**

Say: **One thing moms are never too busy for is a hug! So be sure to give yours a good, long, heartfelt hug today. GOD MADE MOMS!**

Bible Exploration

Supplies: Bibles

Say: The Bible describes God as a variety of mother animals. So let's have a Mother Goose variety show!

Read the following verses, and then give instructions after each one for everyone to act like that kind of mother animal.

- Hosea 13:8 (Everyone will take turns jumping in front of the rest of the family and acting like a bear protecting her cubs.)

- Deuteronomy 32:11-12 (Everyone will hold out their arms like eagle wings and soar around the room, ending with their hands on each other's shoulders.)

- Matthew 23:37 (Everyone will bend their arms like chicken wings and squat down like a bird in a nest, covering her young.)

Ask: • What can you learn about God from these examples of him as a mother bear, eagle, or hen?

Say: GOD MADE MOMS, and that doesn't just include human mothers! God made mother bears, eagles, and hens, and we can learn a thing or two about God from watching these maternal critters. But the Bible doesn't compare God *only* to mother animals. Let's see what we can learn about how God is like a human mother.

Read Isaiah 66:12-13. Then everyone will act like a nurturing human mother holding a child on her lap or comforting a child.

**Ask: • When have you needed the loving comfort of your mom?
• What does it show you about God that he is nurturing and comforting, too?**

Say: GOD MADE MOMS, and a lot of mothers reflect God's love. But best of all, we can know that God always loves us and comforts us, even when our moms can't!

Faith In Action

Supplies: Bible, paper, markers

Everyone will share a piece of paper and markers.

Say: **GOD MADE MOMS, and moms are precious! Proverbs 31:10 says this about a good mom: “She is more precious than rubies.” Rubies are very valuable red jewels or gems. Our moms are special and precious to us. Take a few minutes to think of words that describe your mom, a grandmother or aunt, or another woman in your life who takes care of you.**

To help you get started, think of words that could finish this sentence: “My mom is...” We’re going to turn your word list into a super-cool word collage called a Wordle. You’ll need at least 12 words to make your Wordle look cool. The more words, the better it’ll turn out.

Everyone will work together to write words all over the paper in different colors or sizes. Older family members can write for little ones who don’t know how yet.

Moms can keep these Wordles, or families can give them to another important female role-model as an honor.

Let’s Pray

Pray: God, thank you that YOU MADE MOMS. Help us to honor moms or other women who take care of us. Bring them blessings. And thank you that even when our moms aren’t around, you love us and comfort us like a mom. In Jesus’ name, amen.