



## LESSON SNAPSHOT

**BOTTOM LINE:**

We can love and respect our moms even though they aren't perfect.

**OBJECTIVE:**

Kids will learn that God gave us Moms to love us and lead us to God.

**KEY PASSAGE:**

Exodus 2:1-9 (Moses' mother), Luke 1:26-38 (Mary), 2 Timothy 1:5 (Eunice), Bible moms

**MEMORY VERSE:**

"Honor your father and your mother." Exodus 20:12a (NIV)

**SUMMARY:**

We meet a lot of moms in the Bible, and they all tell us something important about the role of being a mother. Moms protect their kids; they obey God; and they teach their children to love God. But even though our moms are imperfect, just like we all are, we are still called to love and honor our moms out of love for God.

**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

Dear God,

Thank you for our moms. Help us to love and respect them out of obedience to You!

In Jesus' name,  
Amen

## MEMORY VERSE

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*"Honour thy father and thy mother" Exodus 20:12a (KJV)*

### **LARGE GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:**

Ask, "What does it mean to honor someone? When we have respect and obey authority, we are honoring them. We honor God by obeying and worshiping Him. How do we honor our parents?" Read memory verse. Ask, "What are some ways you can honor your mom on Mother's Day?"

### **SMALL GROUP:**

Read the memory verse to the kids. Give each kid a piece of paper and a pencil. Ask them to draw a line down the center of their page and write 'honoring' on the top of one page and 'dishonoring' on the top of the other side. Have them fill out what ways they can honor their mom and what ways are dishonoring. Examples could be to disobey, to speak unkindly, or to be disrespectful.



## SKIT

### **Any Day Can Be Mother's Day!**

#### **ITEMS NEEDED:**

Broom  
2 bowls  
Markers  
Paper  
Giant heart card

#### **CHARACTERS:**

Mom  
Michelle  
Lindsey

#### **CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:**

Mom – lady  
Michelle – girl  
Lindsey – girl

Begin with Mom cleaning up the floor with a broom and then handing Michelle and Lindsey a snack while they are sitting on the floor drawing with markers and paper. Mom exits the stage.

MICHELLE: Hey, Lindsey.

LINDSEY: Yeah?

MICHELLE: You know what I just realized?

LINDSEY: What?

MICHELLE: Well, while we were drawing, Mom was cleaning the house and getting us snacks.

LINDSEY: Yeah?

MICHELLE: Do you ever notice that she does a lot for us?

LINDSEY: Yeah. She does.

MICHELLE: She takes care of the house, she takes care of us, she does so much.

LINDSEY: That's true. What's your point?

MICHELLE: Well, I just can't help but think we should do something for her.

LINDSEY: Like what?

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MICHELLE: Well, like give her a break. Like make her a thank you card. Like show her how much we love her.

LINDSEY: That's a really nice idea. You know, I don't always say thank you for what she does. Like just now when she gave us our snack. We didn't even say thank you.

MICHELLE: I know.

LINDSEY: We should do more to show her how grateful we are for her.

MICHELLE: Let's stop drawing for now and make her a giant thank you card.

LINDSEY: Good idea. We will make it beautiful and then maybe we can offer to do something for her. Since she does so much for us.

MICHELLE: It's not even Mother's Day today, but any day can be Mother's Day because every day mom does so much for us.

LINDSEY: That will make it even more special because she won't be expecting a card. It will be an awesome surprise!

(Michelle and Lindsey act like they are making the giant card for a few seconds. Then they stand up and call "MOM!" Mom enters.)

MOM: What is it girls?

MICHELLE: We have something for you.

(Girls hand mom the heart giant card.)

MOM: For me? Oh how nice!

LINDSEY: And we have decided that we are doing the dishes tonight after dinner. So don't do them! You can watch a tv show while we clean up.

MOM: Wow! What a nice surprise. You would think it is Mother's Day today!

MICHELLE: Any day can be Mother's Day, because you are always a great mom to us!

MOM: Aw girls. Give me a hug!

(Mom hugs the girls. End Scene.)

## OBJECT LESSON

### ITEMS NEEDED:

Bleached ruined kid's t-shirt

Check out this shirt! Who do you think ruined this shirt? Do you think it was a dad? Do you think it was a kid? Actually...It was a mom! Moms are amazing. They do so much for us. They love us, help us, take care of us, and more. But sometimes even moms make mistakes. Take this shirt for example. A mom accidentally put this shirt in with the whites and the bleach ruined it. Have you ever seen your mom make a mistake? Mistakes happen. No one is perfect. Not even our moms.

Sometimes it can be difficult to accept the fact that our parents aren't perfect. We would like it if they were. But you know what, they would like it if we were too! No one is perfect apart from God. So when your mom makes a mistake, it doesn't mean she loves you any less. It doesn't mean that you should stop respecting her or obeying her. In the Bible, it says, "Honor your father and your mother." Even though they sometimes make mistakes, God commands us to still respect our parents.

But you know what the great part is, when you make a mistake, you are forgiven too! God loves you and He forgives you for the mistakes that you make, just like He forgives your parents. So next time your mom does something that upsets you and gets disappointed because she made a mistake, remember that God loves her and forgives her. And you can love and forgive her too! You can tell her how you feel and then you can forgive her for her mistake. Even when your favorite t-shirt is ruined. How disappointing is this! I guess it's time to go get a new shirt.



## LARGE GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

### **Mother May I?**

#### **ITEMS NEEDED:**

N/A

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Play a game of Mother May I.

Here are the rules to the game: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iQpqw-zF3Kc&ab\\_channel=wikiHow](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iQpqw-zF3Kc&ab_channel=wikiHow)

#### **VARIATIONS:**

Split the kids into small groups so that everyone can have a chance to be the mother at least once.

#### **WHAT'S THE POINT?**

God tells us to honor and obey our mothers.



## LARGE GROUP LESSON

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### **KEY PASSAGE:**

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### **INTRO:**

Happy Mother's Day! Mothers are awesome and they are worth celebrating. Some of us have a mom who stays at home, some of us have a mom who works hard at their job, and some of us have someone else who is like a mom to us...like a grandma or an adopted mom. Whoever you are celebrating today, moms deserve our gratitude. They do a lot for us. Raise your hand and tell me one awesome thing that your mom or mother figure does for you!

Those are some wonderful things and we can thank God for the moms he has put in our lives! Today we are going to read about some mothers in the Bible. As you listen to each story, pay attention to what these moms are like and what they do!

READ EXODUS 2:1-9, LUKE 1:26-38, & 2 TIMOTHY 1:5

### **MAIN POINT:**

The first story was about Moses. His mother had to hide him because Pharaoh had ordered the death of all the new born Hebrew boys. Moses' mom did everything she could to save him. She hid him and when he was found by an Egyptian, she even got to nurse him and take care of him while he was an infant. It must have been hard for his mom to go through this. She would do anything to save her baby boy!

The second story was about Mary, Jesus' mother. The angel came and told her that she was going to have God's son. This must have come to her as a shock! She had a few questions about how it could happen. Once the angel answered her questions, she did not fight him on it or try to run away. Instead, she obeyed God and trusted Him with this great responsibility. Mary was a good mother because she was a great example to her child. She obeyed God and trusted Him even when challenges came her way.



## LARGE GROUP LESSON

The final story, although short, really says a lot about how a grandmother and mother can have a big influence on us! “I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.” This is a letter that Paul was writing to Timothy. He is expressing the fact that he remembers Timothy’s grandma Lois and mother Eunice’s strong faith in God. Because they had such a strong faith, they passed it on to Timothy and He is now walking with Jesus! Mothers have such a big impact on our lives. When they follow Jesus, it helps us to learn how to follow Him too. But when they don’t, we can still find Jesus. It just gives us a head start to have a mother who faithfully follows the Lord.

So what have we learned from these three stories? Mothers are so important. They have a big impact on us. Sometimes they even save our lives like Moses’ mother did. Sometimes they are a great example to us, like Mary, Lois, and Eunice were.

### **DRIVE IT HOME:**

We meet a lot of moms in the Bible, and they all tell us something important about the role of being a mother. Moms protect their kids; they obey God; and they teach their children to love God. Moms also make mistakes. They sin. They don’t always make the right choice. But even though our moms are imperfect, just like we are, we are still called to love and honor our moms out of love for God.

We can love and respect our moms even though they aren’t perfect! GOD GAVE US MOMS TO LOVE US AND TO LEAD US TO GOD. We can show them love and forgiveness just like they show us. We can look to them as an example when they are following Jesus! Let’s thank God for our moms today on Mother’s Day.

### **CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:**

Dear God,

Thank you for our moms. Help us to love and respect them out of obedience to You!

In Jesus’ name,  
Amen





## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

### ICEBREAKER:

What is one thing you can thank your mom for today?

### MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Exodus 20:12a

Read the memory verse to the kids. Give each kid a piece of paper and a pencil. Ask them to draw a line down the center of their page and write 'honoring' on the top of one side and 'dishonoring' on the top of the other side. Have them draw one example on each side of a way to honor or dishonor your mother. An example could be to obey and clean up their bedroom or slam a door and disobey.

### SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Give each kid construction paper and markers to make their mom a thank you card.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Exodus 2:1-9 (Moses' mother), Luke 1:26-38 (Mary), 2 Timothy 1:5 (Eunice)

What did Moses' mom do to save him?

Why is it helpful to have a mom who follows God like Mary and Eunice?

Who is someone in your life that follows Jesus that you can look up to?

### SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us other Christians to look up to as an example of how to follow Jesus!

In Jesus' name,  
Amen



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3RD-5TH)

### ICEBREAKER:

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Exodus 20:12a

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What did Moses' mom do to save him?

Why is it helpful to have a mom who follows God like Mary and Eunice?

Who is someone in your life that follows Jesus that you can look up to?

Why is it important to forgive our moms for their mistakes?

What does it mean to honor and respect our mothers?

### SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us other Christians to look up to as an example of how to follow Jesus!

In Jesus' name,  
Amen



## POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

### TRUE OR FALSE

Moms are always perfect.

FALSE

Even when moms make mistakes, we still need to honor them.

TRUE

When we have a mother who follows Jesus, she is a great example to us.

TRUE

We can look to mothers or other Christians as an example to follow; like a grandma, dad, teacher, etc.

TRUE

When we are upset it is okay to talk about how we feel. Next, we should disrespect and disobey our parents.

FALSE

There are some great examples of mothers in the Bible like Moses' mom.

TRUE

# MAKE IT STICK

BIBLE MOMS: MOTHER'S DAY LESSON

4 SIMPLE WAYS  
YOU CAN MAKE  
THIS LESSON STICK  
WITH YOUR KIDS

## THIS WEEK'S LESSON:

Use these four common times in a preschooler's day to reinforce this week's lesson:



### IN THE CAR:

How does God say to treat our mothers? To honor and respect our moms. Even though our moms are imperfect, just like we are, we are still called to love and honor our moms out of love for God. Exodus 2:1-9 (Moses' mother), Luke 1:26-38 (Mary), 2 Timothy 1:5 (Eunice), Bible moms



### HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Ask your kid how they can show their mom appreciation this week.

Ask your kid if they have been doing a good job honoring their mother lately.



### AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

What can you do when your parents make a mistake?

What is one example of a mother in the Bible who followed God?

What is one way that your mother is a good example in your life?



### AT BEDTIME:

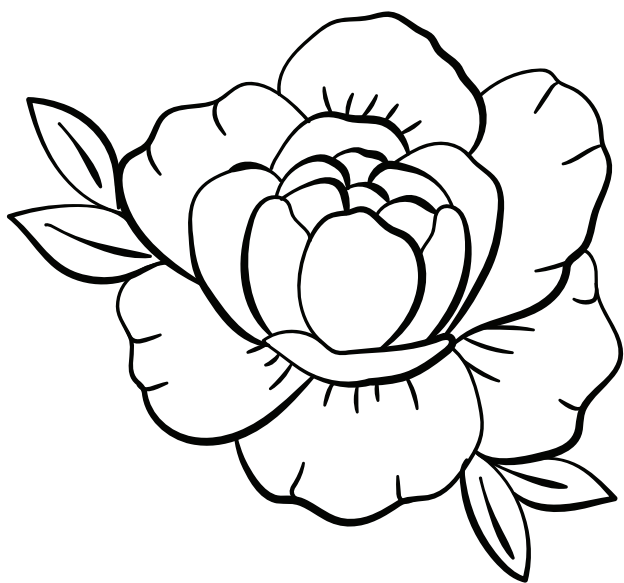
Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

"Honor your father and your mother." Exodus 20:12a (NIV)

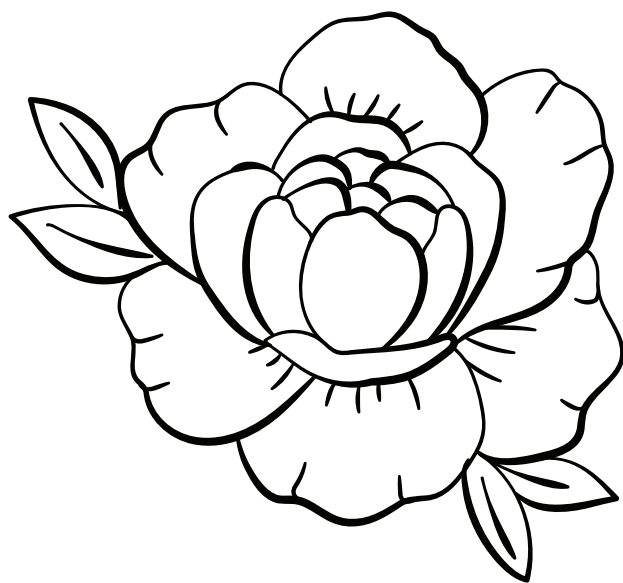


### PARENT TIME:

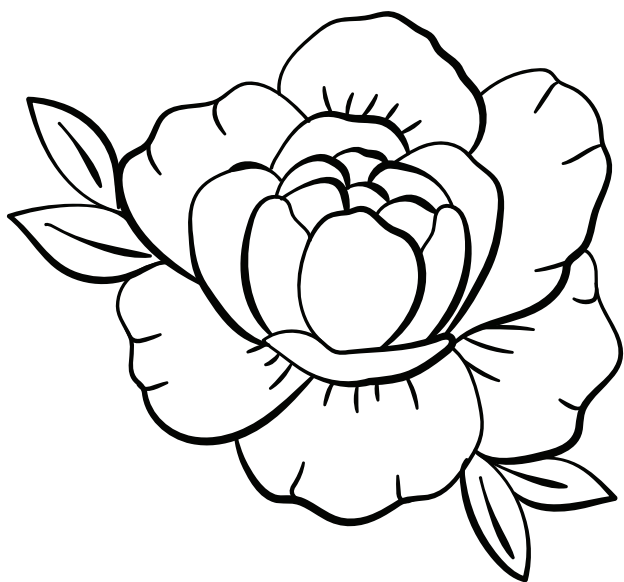
Children begin to struggle with obeying their parents when they realize that their parents are not perfect and make mistakes. This can be a challenge for them to accept, even though they are imperfect themselves. One way to encourage your child during this process is to admit your mistakes, ask for forgiveness, and remind them that the best way they can honor you is by forgiving you and continuing to obey. Another important aspect is to be sure that when your child makes a mistake, that you are quick to forgive. Consequences may still be necessary, but it's important for them to know that you love and forgive them. Children will follow your example in this area and if you withhold forgiveness, it will be difficult for them to learn how to forgive.



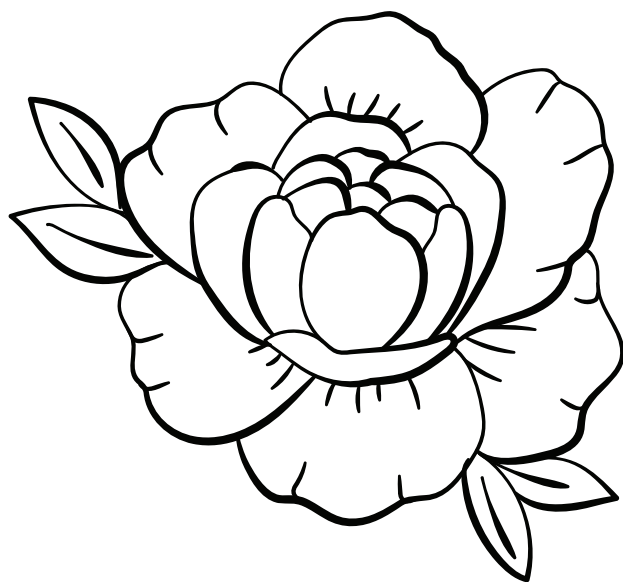
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## TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

**Items you will need:** pressed flowers or fake flower petals, glue, card stock, markers, construction paper, and scissors.

Ask the kids to pick out a colored construction paper to cut out a vase. They can do any shape they would like, a round vase, tall and skinny, etc. Next, have them glue their vase to the bottom of their card stock paper. Using markers, have the kids draw stems with leaves coming out of the vase and leave space at the top of the page for flowers. Finally, give them pressed flowers or fake flower petals to glue on their stems. Encourage kids to write Happy Mother's Day or a note to their mom at the bottom of the page.

Say, "Don't forget to give this to your mom (motherly figure) and tell her Happy Mother's Day today!"