

Honour your Mother

Through this lesson, children will see that we should honor our mothers everyday of the year.

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TOPICS

Family, Honor, Love, Mother's Day, Thankfulness

AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 minutes)

Have sheets of paper and pencils available on the tables. Have the kids write some of their favorite memories about their moms or another motherly figure in their lives (gradmothers, aunts, stepmothers, sisters, etc.), as some children may not have a mother in their lives.

MEMORY WORK (12 minutes)

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12 NIV

For this activity you will need a cassette player, cassette tape, and a bean bag or a pair of rolled up socks. Have the children stand in a circle. Instruct them to gently toss the bean bag while the music is playing. When the music stops, the child holding the bean bag will say the verse.

SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION (15 minutes)

Introduction:

Since today is Mother's Day, we will be looking at a few different moms in the Bible. It is important for us to honor our moms every chance we get. Our government thought it was important enough to give moms their own holiday. Should Mother's Day be the only day we take time out to thank mom though? Why or why not? Let's look at some moms in the Bible and see how they treated their children.

Read Exodus 1:15-2:10

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did Pharaoh order all the male babies killed?
2. Did the midwives obey him? Why not?
3. How did Moses' mother show her love for him?
4. What do you think might have happened if she had been caught?
5. How did God honor Moses' mother for loving him so much?

Read 1 Kings 3:16-28

Discussion Questions:

1. What happened in this story?
2. Why do you think the other mother took the live baby? Do you think she loved him as much as her child?
3. What did King Solomon decide to do?
4. How did the baby's mother show her love for him?
5. Why did the other woman not care if the baby was split in half?

Read Luke 1:26-38

Discussion Questions:

1. What did the angel Gabriel come to tell Mary?
2. How did she feel when he first showed up?
3. How do you think Mary felt about what the angel told her?
4. How did Mary show her love for Jesus even before He was born?
5. How would a woman who became pregnant before she was married have been treated in Mary's time?
6. What other sacrifices did Mary have to make as Jesus' mother?

CLASS EXERCISE (15 minutes)

Mother's Day Flowers (Craft) [page 3](#)

ALTERNATE CLASS EXERCISE (10 minutes)

LOVE IS.. (Word Search) [page 4](#)

APPLICATION (2 minutes)

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Take some time today to think of all the happy times you have had with your mom. Be thankful that she gave you life, a home, encouragement, and love. Today and everyday let your mom know that she's a very special person.

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MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

Kids will make a beautiful flower, which displays their love and thankfulness for their mothers.

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TOPICS:

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MATERIALS:

Circular picture of child
Colored construction paper
Flower Petal Template [page 5](#)
Magnet, tape or glue
Pen or pencil



DURATION:

Approximately 15 minutes

PREPARATION:

Cut out a circular picture of each child in class. Using the flower petal template, cut out 10 flower petals for each child in class.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Take pictures of the children ahead of time. Using these pictures, cut their faces out in a circular pattern. You may want to add a text border with a scripture verse or an inspirational quote. Secure self-adhesive magnets to the back of each picture. Cut out flower petals shaped from different colored construction paper. On the petals, write "I love you for..." or "Thank you for..."

Give each of the children 10 petals for their flowers. On the petals, have the children fill in their answers as to why they love their mom and why they are thankful for their mothers. It's ok if they can't think of 10 things, just have them turn the petal over if they can't. Glue the petals onto the picture, making sure that their answers are showing.

Godly mothers are the nation's greatest treasure, the Lord's best helpers, and the most blessed among women.

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LOVE IS...

(Word Search) We express love in many ways. Children will find words of love suggested in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 hidden in this puzzle.

TOPICS:

Love, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day

MATERIALS:

Word Search for each child [page 6](#) Answer [page 7](#)
Pencils or markers

DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

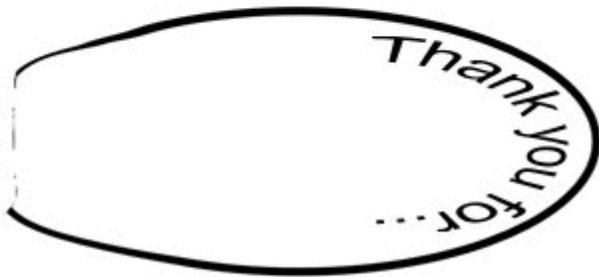
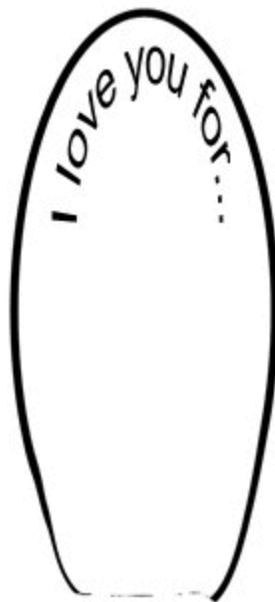
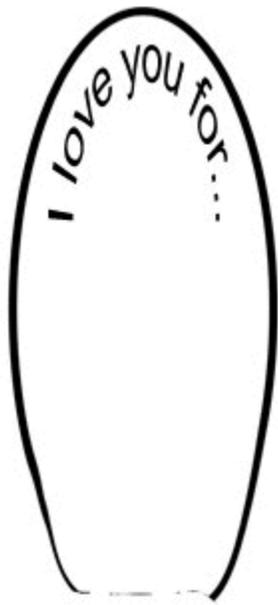
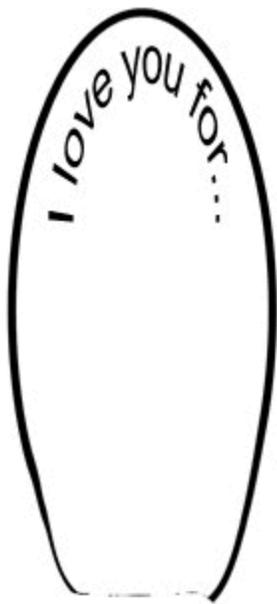


WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Give each child a pencil or a marker and a copy of the word search. Have the children look up 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 as they work on their puzzle. One special word for love, hidden in the word search, is not suggested in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. This special word is "agape." See how many children were able to find it and if anyone knows the meaning. Explain that "agape" means Godly love.

Discussion Questions: (Optional)

1. Which expressions of love are the easiest to show? *(Allow for answers.)*
2. Which ones are the hardest to show? *(Allow for answers.)*
3. How is Godly, agape love different from other kinds of love? *(Allow for answers.)*



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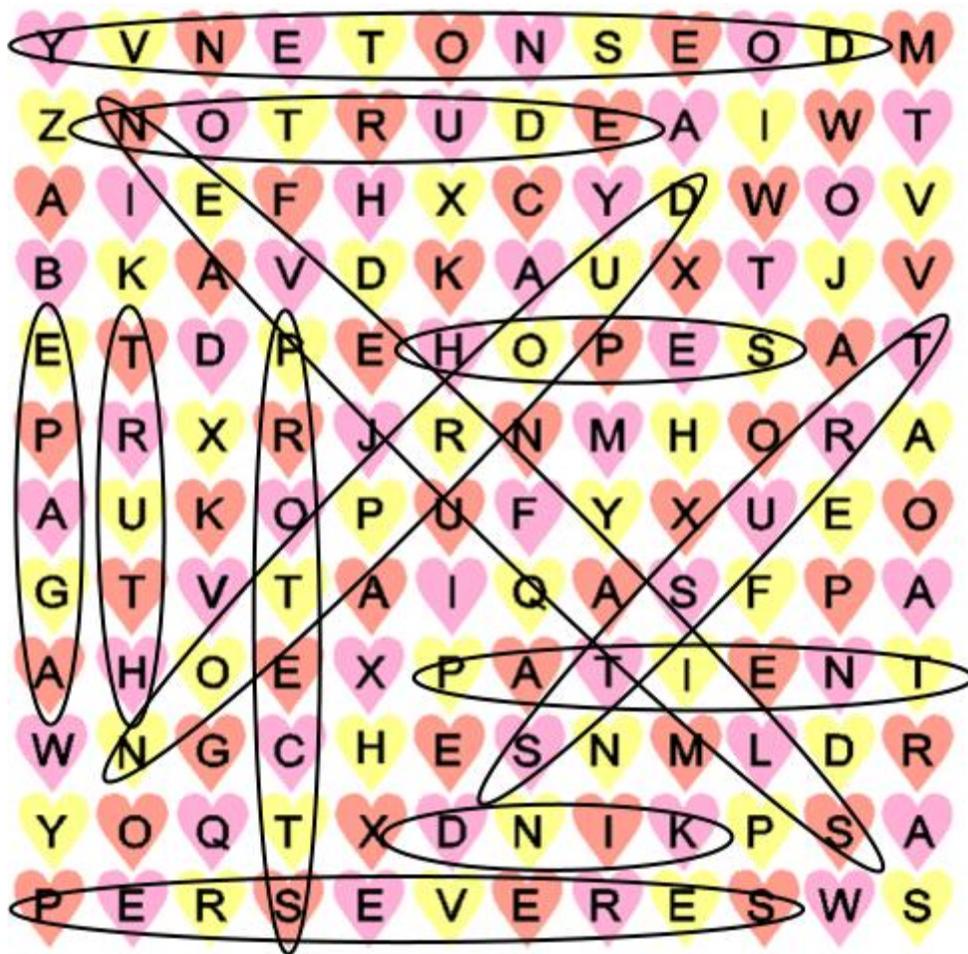
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