

MOMS ARE AWESOME

Mother's Day Session

We usually only give craft ideas for children to make special gifts for their mothers on Mother's Day. However, groups might want to share a message about mothers as well as being creative. This session is ideal for the week before Mother's Day.

Supplies:

- ◆ Egg boxes
- ◆ Paint
- ◆ Pipe cleaners
- ◆ Tea bags (preferably with strings)
- ◆ Glue
- ◆ Decorations like stars, feathers, stickers
- ◆ Pencils and pens



WELCOME

My mom says: Make a list of the best sayings our moms have. If each child writes a sentence we can make a collage and take a photo.



WORD

The best gift for a mom: This can easily be done while you are painting the egg boxes and decorating cards. Ask the group what they think the best gift for their moms could be. Say: "I know the best gift for your moms. According to the Bible, the best gift for your mom is to honour her. This means to respect her at home as well as outside your home and around other people. It also means to listen to her, speak kindly to her and obey her – also in extra ways when she doesn't expect it.

Read Deut.5:16. How else can we honour our mothers? Listen to all the answers.

A special way to honour our mom is to pray for her. Do you ever pray for your parents' safety and health? That is a lovely way to honour them both.

Other moms in the Bible (while you are busy):

We read about quite a lot of moms in the Bible. Some of them followed God; others didn't. All of them made mistakes and some mistakes were much bigger than others. Many of these moms are remembered because they loved God and their children. Can you think of a few moms in the Bible and what they did?

(Provide a few examples of moms in the Bible. Try to give each child a turn to join the discussion. Guide any other discussions back to mothers in the Bible.)

SHORT SUMMARIES OF BIBLICAL MOMS (with Scripture references)

Eve:

Eve was the first wife and mom. She shared a special relationship with God until she sinned. We have been born with a "sin nature" because of Eve. (Genesis 3:1-6 and Genesis 3: 20)

Hannah:

Hannah was the mom of Samuel, a priest of Israel. She was unable to have children for many years

but called out to God and God heard her prayer. She promised to give Samuel to God for his whole life and she did. (1 Samuel 1:10-11 and 1 Samuel 1:27-28)

Mary:

Mary was the mother of Jesus. She was chosen by God to have Jesus because God saw something special in her. She was an ordinary girl but she obeyed God in extraordinary circumstances. She knew the Word of God well. (Luke 1:35-38)

Jochebed:

Jochebed was the mother of Moses. When she gave birth to Moses there was an order to kill all of the Hebrew baby boys. In faith, she didn't kill her son but hid him for three months. Pharaoh's daughter found Moses in the river. Years later he became the hero who led the Israelites out of Egypt into freedom. (Exodus 2:1-4)

Sarah:

Sarah became Isaac's mom when she was over 100 years old. She was Abraham's wife who laughed at the promise that she would have a child. Before Isaac was born, she became impatient to have a baby and tried to take matters into her own hands. She caused a lot of problems by doing that. (Genesis 21:1-3 and Genesis 21:6-7)

Elizabeth:

Elizabeth was the mother of John the Baptist who prepared the way for Jesus. The angel Gabriel told her husband Zechariah that she would have a baby at a very old age. He didn't believe this at first, but it was true. Elizabeth was a woman who followed God. (Luke 1:39-45)

Rebekah:

Rebekah was Isaac's wife and the mother of Esau and Jacob. She was a beautiful woman who was first noticed because she served others unselfishly. She was a hard worker. Rebekah followed God, but chose Jacob as her favourite son. Because of that, she convinced him to steal his brother's blessing. This caused a lot of problems. (Genesis 24:45-46 and Genesis 27:5-11)

Naomi:

Naomi was the mother-in-law of Ruth. Naomi had two sons, but they both passed away and left her very sad and bitter. Because Ruth wanted Naomi's God to be her God, she travelled to Naomi's homeland to live with her. It was there that Naomi helped Ruth find her husband, Boaz. (Ruth 1:3 and Ruth 1:15-18)

Summary:

As you can see, there were many different kinds of mothers. Many of them worked very hard, stayed true to God and were much like our own mothers. Some of them had bad moments, also much like our mothers. We are not always 100% good or bad, right? That is why we are so thankful for what Jesus did to forgive our sins.

We need to forgive our moms and they also forgive us in the same way Jesus forgives all our sins. Let's wrap up by thanking God for our moms and praying that He will protect them and bless them.

Special prayer:

Lord, today we pray for all mothers, grandmothers and mother figures. We celebrate all their children and grandchildren – biological, adopted or spiritual. We thank You for what they do in our lives. We also pray for everyone who lost their mothers, grandmothers and wives. We pray for single fathers and we want to support them. Show us people who have never known a mother or mother figure and help us to support them. Yes Lord, Mother's Day means something else to each of us and we pray that You will be with each person and that You will use us to let everyone receive the love they need.

Amen



WORKING AND PLAYING TIME



Supplies:

- ♥ 1 Blank card
- ♥ Piece of coloured paper
- ♥ 1 cut up egg box (you can get 4 cups out of a 6 egg box – one per corner)
- ♥ 1 small piece of pipe cleaner
- ♥ 1 teabag (preferably with a tag; otherwise staple a tag and string to the teabag)
- ♥ Embellishments like flowers, flowers, stickers
- ♥ Glue and paint
- ♥ Pens and pencils
- ♥ Flower shapes or stickers to decorate (optional)

Punch 2 holes in the egg box cup and attach the pipe cleaner. Glue down the coloured paper. Assemble everything onto the card and glue it all down. Make sure the egg carton cup is stuck down firmly to hold your tea securely. Add the teabag into the cup and embellish the card. Write a message for your mom inside the card.