

**Mother's Day – Sunday School Lesson**  
**For Preschool, Kindergarten, and First Graders**

Theme: Mothers are to be Respected.

Teacher Pep Talk: We all know it: Mothers are a blessing! We may appreciate it more on some days than others, but it is still true. And we are to honor and respect our mothers. God promises us a blessing when we do this, which makes it an even better idea! Our mothers loved us and brought us into the world, for this (if nothing else) we owe them our respect. For most of us, our mothers loved us, stood by us, raised us, took care of us, and taught us good things. Let's honor them!

You Will Need: An assortment of construction paper, crayons, scissors and glue. Optionally – tempera paint, newspapers, coverings for clothes

Major Points: Mothers care for their children.  
We are to respect our mothers.  
We are to listen to what our mothers say.

Reference Verses: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 *Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you.*  
Leviticus 19:3 “*Each of you must respect your mother and father...*”  
Proverbs 6:20 *My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching.*

Memory Verse: Leviticus 19:3 “...respect your mother...”

Lesson: **Mothers are to be Respected**

**Mothers care for their children**

- Each of us was born of a mother.
- Most of us live with our mothers now. Or other people who love us take care of us now. (*Ask the children to say who is in their family. Let them share with you about their parents and caregivers. You may mention grandmothers, aunts, etc.*)
- These are very important people in our lives!
- They care for us. How do they do that? What kinds of things do mothers do to take care of us? (*Wait for answers.*) (They feed us. They help us get dressed. They keep us warm. They play with us. They tuck us in at night.)
- Very good! Those are very good answers. We know by the things that they do for us that mothers care for their children.
- God has given us our mothers to help take care of us!

**We are to respect our mothers.**

- If our mothers take care of us, it's only fair that we do something nice for them in return.
- In His Word (the Bible) God tells us that we are to **respect** our mothers. What does that word mean? RESPECT? *(Wait for answers. They will probably not be able to define the word. But they may give you examples of what it means to them.)*
- Respect means that we are to hold that person in a special place in our hearts, and think highly of them.

**We are to listen to what our mothers say.**

- In the case of our mother, we are to care about what she says. When she talks we need to listen to her.
- We are to try and do the things she asks us to do.
- And we are to listen and to learn from her.
- God has given our mother to us to help take care of us AND to help us learn things we need to know!
- Let's pray and thank God for our mothers!

PRAYER: Dear God,  
Thank you that you have given each of us people to care for us!  
Thank you especially for our mothers!  
Please bless our mothers today and always!  
Amen

Suggested Activities:

**Make a Mother's Day Card**

Everyone likes making cards for Mother's Day! And there isn't a mother on earth who doesn't enjoy receiving a handmade Mother's Day Card! Use your own imagination to help create the card itself. Or, use some of the ideas listed here:

- 1.) Copy the attached sheet for each child, and allow the children to color the sheets, to cut out the various pieces, and to glue the pieces to the inside and front of folded paper to create a Mother's Day card.
- 2.) Simply copy and color the attached sheet and present it to Mom!
- 3.) Draw and cut out pieces of construction paper to form flowers. Allow the children to glue the pieces on to folded paper to make a card for their mothers. Older children may write "Happy Mother's Day!" on the card.
- 4.) Using construction paper, crayons or markers, allow the children to draw pictures of themselves and their mothers (caregivers) on construction paper. Then fold the picture in half and write Happy Mother's Day on the "front" of the newly formed card. OR fold the paper first and have them decorate both the front and the inside of the card with pictures or flowers.

**Handmade Handprint Pages** – a perennial favorite!

NOTE: In order that these may be ready to go home with the children at the end of your time together, do the handprints FIRST THING in class, and THEN do your lesson. Hopefully they will dry enough to send home at the end of class!

- 1.) Across the top of a sheet of construction paper write "I Love You!" or "Happy Mother's Day!" or "I was THIS BIG on Mother's Day!" for each child.
- 2.) If you like, print out the poem and attach it to the side of the construction paper.
- 3.) Cover tables with newspaper, and the children with old shirts, to protect against paint spills.
- 4.) Bring out very shallow pans (pie pans) with very small amounts of tempera paint in them.
- 5.) Allow the children to place their hands down in the paint and then press them carefully onto the sheet of construction paper.
- 6.) Wash their hands carefully.
- 7.) Put handprint pages to the side to dry.
- 8.) Lead the lesson while the pages are drying!

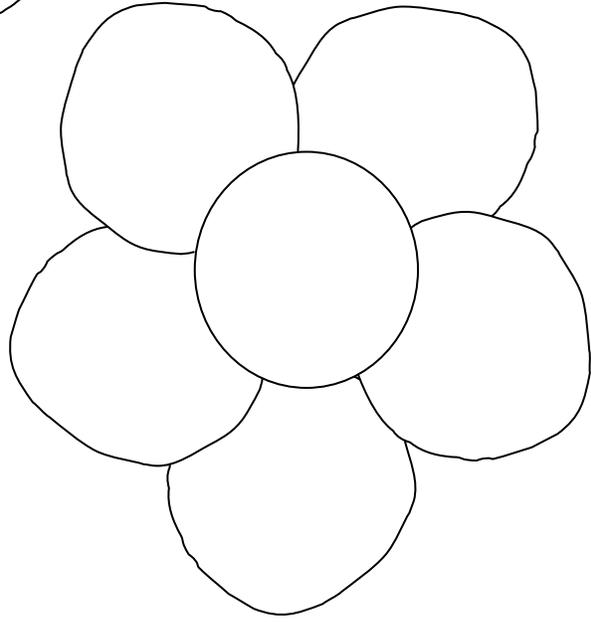
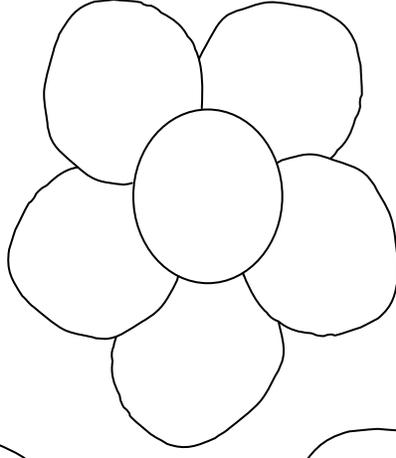
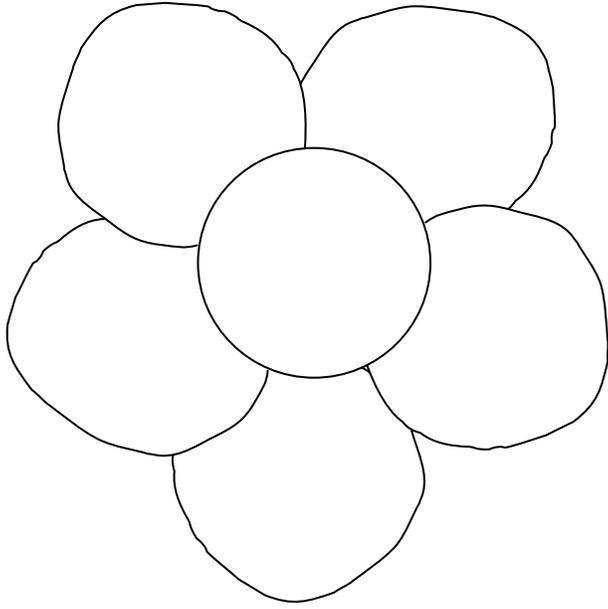
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