

Joy Kids Curriculum

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Mother's Day

Exodus 20:12, Proverbs 31:25-31; John 19:25-27;
Ephesians 6:1-3, Colossians 3:20

Provided By: Joy Kids

Hello Parents/Caregiver!

Firstly, thank you for taking advantage of using this curriculum for your child(ren) during these uncertain times. By providing your child with a small piece of normalcy you will be doing huge things for their minds and hearts. Our Joy Kids Team is here to partner with you and your family by continuing to provide curriculum for as long as needed.

The best way to utilize what is provided in this packet is to follow it as closely as possible and use the parts that best suit your individual child(ren). This is meant to cover all ages that attend Joy Kids so it is possible that not all of it will be something your child is capable of or interested in doing.

Above all we hope this provides you with another opportunity to connect with your child(ren) and to have fun while learning about the Word! Also, feel free to add and elaborate on things! We cannot wait until we are able to be under one roof worshipping together again!

- The Joy Kids Team

P.S. If you need clarification on anything please feel free to message the church on Facebook or Felicia Myers directly. We are here to help!

Supplies: Bible, coloring crayons/pencils/markers, paper

Overview

- **Open in Prayer** (Encourage your child to do this)
- **Say:** Today is Mother's Day! So, today we will be learning about Mother's Day, how to celebrate this day, and what the Bible says about mothers.
- **Discuss:** Take a few moments to discuss why mothers are so special and also discuss different "mothering" roles in a person's life...such as an aunt, grandmother, sister, close friend, teacher, etc. If you are with a child that does not have a mother in their life encourage them to recognize those that hold a mothering role in their life whenever the lesson refers to "mother".
- **Ask:** How do you think Mother's Day began?
- **Read:** on page 4 about the origin of Mother's Day.
- **Ask:**
 - o What is something you like about your mother?
 - o How do you show her that you love her?
 - o Do you think it is important to show her that you love her?
 - o What do you think the Bible says about mothers?
- **Read:** Exodus 20:12, Proverbs 31:25-31; John 19:25-27; Ephesians 6:1-3, Colossians 3:20
 - o After you read each scripture stop and discuss what it is saying about mothers.
- **Craft:** Take some time to make cards for all those women in your life that have shown you love and have taken care of you. Draw pictures, write nice words, and hand deliver or mail your cards out.
- **Activity:** Your activity today is to help your mother out with anything she might need, be kind to her, offer to rub her feet, or make her a snack. Tell her all day how much you love her and share with her the things that you appreciate about her
- **Close in prayer** – Ask if your child has anything they would like prayer for. Pray for your community, church, and those affected by COVID -19.

Have you ever wondered how Mother's Day got started? People started honoring mother's a very long time ago. When it first started it was called Mothering Sunday because people celebrated it the fourth Sunday during a time called Lent. Lent is the time before Easter where people think and prepare about the Easter story and what God did for us.

Then 150 years ago a woman named Anna Jarvis, organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community, something she thought mother's believed in doing. She called it "Mother's Work Day." After Anna Jarvis died, her daughter (also named Anna) wanted to honor all that her mother did. Anna heard her mother say that one day she hoped someone would make a special day just for mothers. So Anna worked very hard and even talked to presidents and other leaders to try to create a special day just to honor them. By 1914 (over 100 years ago) a man named Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday. The funny thing is, Anna ended up disliking Mother's day. She didn't want Mother's day to be all about the expensive gifts and fancy flowers but just a day to tell your mom that you love and appreciate her. So remember, moms don't need all that fancy stuff. Make her a nice card and treat her very special today (and everyday) and she won't need anything else.

Mothers are very special, so special that they are mentioned in the Bible. Since the Bible is like an instruction manual for us, it gives us instructions on how to treat our mother.

Do you know what the Ten Commandments are? They were rules that God gave to Moses for all of us to follow. Each commandment is very important and God gave each commandment for a reason. One of the commandments says: Honor your father and your mother, so that all may go well for you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

What does honor mean anyway? Honor can mean many things. When we listen, obey, love, appreciate, and forgive our mom that is how we honor her. That means when she asks you to do something you should do it right away without complaining. When you show you love your mom by hugging her and telling her that you love her that's another way to honor. You can also appreciate your mom by thanking her when she does things for you (cleaning the house and your clothes, making dinner, helping you, etc.).

Our mom won't be perfect all the time, we all make mistakes. So we should forgive our moms when they make mistakes because God asks us too.

Another verse in the Bible asks us to bless our mom. It says, "Her children arise and call her blessed." Some words that describe blessed are that your mom belongs to God and we need to treat her like she's God's child. Your mom used to be a child too and she's just trying her best to help you grow and learn things. So, treat her nicely! Another way to describe blessed is to be happy. Do you make your mom happy? I'm sure you do a lot of the time and moms can be sad because of different things sometimes too, but I don't think your mom would be happy if you didn't listen to her or disobeyed her.

The last verse we're going to talk about today says: Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. I know that sometimes you don't always want to obey your parents but it's important that you obey them because it makes God happy!

Don't forget that we also have a heavenly father that cares and loves us no matter what. So if you don't have a mother around all the time (or even if you do) God is always there. He is there when our mother can't be.