

## LESSON SNAPSHOT

**BOTTOM LINE:**

Moms are a gift from God.

**OBJECTIVE:**

Little ones will learn ways to show their Mommy they love her today.

**KEY PASSAGE:**

Exodus 2:1-10, Jochebed Saves Her Son

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"Honor your father and mother, just as the Lord your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16a (NirV)*

**SUMMARY:**

Our mommies do a lot to take care of us every day. We should thank God for mommies and we should also find ways to show mommy that we love her every day, but especially on Mother's Day.

**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

Read the prayer, and have the kids repeat along with you.

Dear Jesus (*Dear Jesus*),  
Thank you for our moms. (*Thank you for our moms.*)  
Amen (*Amen*)

## MEMORY VERSE

*“Honor your father and mother, just as the Lord your God has commanded you.”  
Deuteronomy 5:16a (NirV)*

**LARGE GROUP MV ACTIVITY:** Split the verse in two. Tell half the group to say, “Honor your father and mother,” and have the other half say, “Just as the Lord your God has commanded you.” Repeat this several times. Then switch phrases and have the kids repeat a few times more.

**SMALL GROUP MV ACTIVITY:** Repeat the verse a few times for your kids, and then go around the group. Read the verse and leave out one word, and see if each kid can fill in the blank.

## SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

**TITLE: A VERY SPECIAL MOM**

**ITEMS NEEDED:** ANGEL COSTUMES

**CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:** 2 M or F

**CHARACTERS:** ANGELS 1 and 2

*Angels 1 and 2 enter.*

ANGEL 1: Hey, you wanna hear a crazy story?

ANGEL 2: Sure I do! I love crazy stories.

ANGEL 1: One time, God's people were in big trouble.

ANGEL 2: Oh no!

ANGEL 1: But God had a plan to save them.

ANGEL 2: Oh yes!

ANGEL 1: God's people were slaves in the country of Egypt.

ANGEL 2: *(start to get the kids to say Oh no/ Oh yes along with Angel)* Oh no!

ANGEL 1: So God sent a man named Moses to save them!

ANGEL 2: Oh yes!

ANGEL 1: But when Moses was a baby, he was in danger.

ANGEL 2: Oh no!

ANGEL 1: But God gave Moses a mother who protected him!

ANGEL 2: Oh yes!

# SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

ANGEL 1: Moses' mother knew if he was found by the Egyptians, they would hurt him!

ANGEL 2: Oh no!

ANGEL 1: But his mother loved him so much, she had Moses' sister hide the baby.

ANGEL 2: Oh yes!

ANGEL 1: Then one day, the king of Egypt's daughter found the baby.

ANGEL 2: Oh no!

ANGEL 1: And guess what? She fell in love with the little tike!

ANGEL 2: Oh yes!

ANGEL 1: Things could have gone real bad for Moses.

ANGEL 2: Oh no!

ANGEL 1: But God gave Moses a loving mother who protected him!

ANGEL 2: Oh yes!

ANGEL 1: Can you say anything other and Oh no and Oh yes?

ANGEL 2: Oh no!

ANGEL 1: Well, can you at least agree with me that Mothers are a gift from God?

ANGEL 2: Oh yes!

ANGEL 1: Good. In that case, my story is over.

ANGEL 2: Oh no!

ANGEL 1: And I hope you all remember the message: Your mom is a gift from God, so tell her that you love her!

ANGEL 2: Oh yes!

## SNACK

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Popcorn

**ADVANCED PREPARATION:** Pop the corn fresh, or bring in pre-popped corn. Put popcorn in small cups for snack time.

*A template should be created that says something simple such as, "Today's Snack is POPCORN. Please let your child's teacher know if it is not ok for your child to have this snack."*

SAY: Popcorn is a quick and easy snack to make, but we need Mom's help to make it. Making popcorn is one of many ways Moms show us they love us. Popcorn is a gift from Mom, but Mom is a gift from God!

## CRAFT

### Flower Feet

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Finger paint, paper, a paint tray, Paper towels and water for clean up

**ADVANCED PREPARATION:** For this craft, you will have the kids take off their shoes. Have them dip their toes and the ball of their foot in the paint in the tray and make an impression on a piece of paper.

Help the kids clean off their feet and put their shoes and socks back on. Then have the kids use more finger paint to draw/paint a flower for their Mom, with the footprint being the flower. Use green paint to add a stem and leaves, and another color to do the flower pot at the bottom.

Write the child's name and Mother's Day with the date at the bottom corner of the page.

## HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

**ITEMS NEEDED:** A baby doll

**ADVANCED PREPARATION:** None

SAY: How do we know Mommies are a gift from God? Because of how they love us.

*Hand the baby doll to one of the children.*

SAY: Show me how your Mom holds you or a baby.

*Let each kid show how their moms hold them.*

SAY: God gave us Moms to show us love. They care for us and teach us. They show us how much God loves us. Let's thank God we have Moms who love us so tenderly.

## MAIN LESSON

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**KEY PASSAGE:**

Exodus 2:1-10, Jochebed Saves Her Son

*Sing two worship songs before going into the lesson.*

SAY: Today is Mother's Day. It's a special day when we celebrate all our Moms do for us. Moms are a gift from God. God gave us Moms to care for us, and their love for us shows us that God loves us too.

In Exodus 2 we read about a loving Mom who cared for her baby. Jochebed was an Israelite who had a baby boy named Moses. God had big plans for Moses. He wanted Moses to save the Israelites from the Egyptians who were holding them prisoner. But Jochebed had to hide Moses or else the Egyptians would hurt him.

Jochebed hid the baby until he was too big to hide. She sent Moses' sister to hide the baby in a basket in the river, and the king of Egypt's daughter found him. Because of Jochebed's love for Moses, her baby was adopted by the princess, and he was saved! When Moses grew up, he saved his people. It was all because Jochebed saved her baby.

God gives us moms to love us and care for us. Just as Jochebed loved Moses, your mom loves you. Kids who don't have moms at home still have people who love them. They may be an aunt or grandparent or father, but they still feel that same love. We can show our Moms we love them by giving them hugs and telling them we love them. Let's say a prayer to thank God for our Moms.

**SIMPLE PRAYER: Read the prayer, and have the kids repeat along with you.**

Dear Jesus (*Dear Jesus*),

Thank you for our moms. (*Thank you for our moms.*)

Amen (*Amen*)

## MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**WIGGLE TAMER:** Play a few rounds of Mother May I? to let the kids move about for a minute.

**SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:** Repeat the verse a few times for your kids, and then go around the group. Read the verse and leave out one word, and see if each kid can fill in the blank.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Who was Jochebed?

What did Jochebed do to protect her son Moses?

Who gave us Moms?

What can we do to show our Moms we love them?

### SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY:

Go around the circle and ask each kid what's one way they can show their Mom they love them, and then have them stand up and act out how they would do that thing.

## SPECIAL 1 PAGE LESSON FOR 1 & 2 YEAR OLDS

**PLAY TIME:** Spend the first 15 minutes playing with the kids. Cars, dolls, blocks, and simple puzzles are great for this time.

**BIBLE TIME:** Sit the kids in the place they will be having snack. Hold up a Bible or Illustrated Kids Bible and say, "This is the Bible. God wrote the Bible. Everything in the Bible is true." Then allow each child to pat the Bible with their hand.

**LESSON:** In Exodus 2, we read about a Mom named Jochebed. God had a special plan for Jochebed's son Moses, but when Moses was just a baby, she had to hide Moses to keep him safe. Jochebed loved Moses. She was a gift from God for baby Moses, and all of our Moms are a gift from God too. They love us very much.

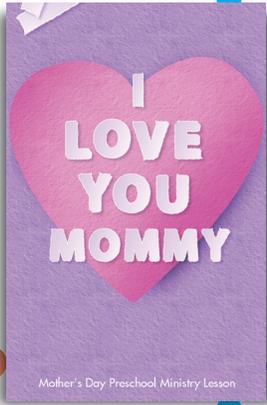
**MAKE IT REAL:** After the lesson say, "God gave us Moms, and their love is a gift from God!" Then point to each child and say, "Your Mom is a gift from God!"

**PRAYER TIME:** Ask each child to fold their hands and bow their heads and say, "Let's pray before our snack. Thank you God for our daddies and especially our mommies. Thank you for church. Thank you for this snack we get to eat. Amen"

**SNACK TIME:** Wash each child's hand with a wet wipe and then serve the snack. At this age crackers or goldfish with water are generally best, but you always want to be mindful of any food allergies.

**POTTY BREAK:** After snack is a great time to ask those who are potty trained if they need to use the bathroom or change diapers of those who are not yet potty trained.

**PLAY TIME:** Finish the day with more play time until it's time for pick up.



# MAKE IT STICK

4 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

## I LOVE YOU MOMMY LESSON

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON: I LOVE YOU MOMMY LESSON



#### **DRIVING:**

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Ask your kids to list all the places their Mom takes them each week in the car, especially the fun places!



#### **PLAYING:**

Make this week's lesson real:

Use dolls or Legos to do a family role-play. Create a Mom and kids to play with using toys, and have the kids show how Mom cares for her kids.



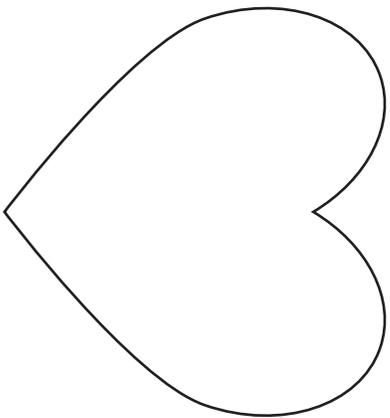
#### **EATING:**

Give the kids a chance to help Mom set the table or prepare a snack.

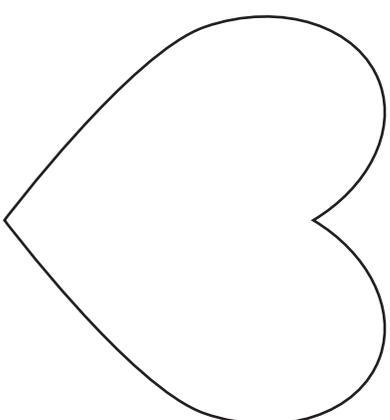


#### **SNUGGLING:**

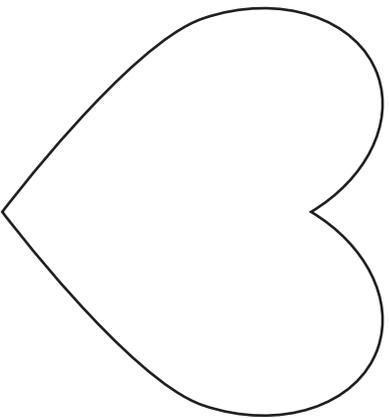
When you're rocking with your child at night, or reading a bedtime story, choose to read this week's Bible lesson at least one night of the week. Ask them how Jochebed protected Moses, and then ask them why God gave Moses a mom like Jochebed.



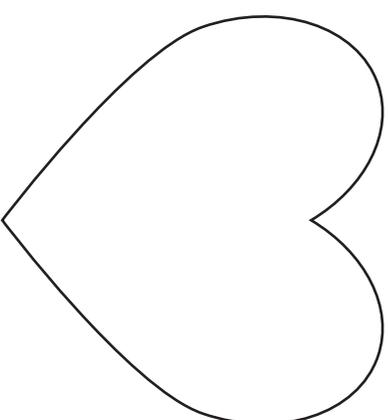
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