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**Mother’s Day**

**TEXT:** Deuteronomy 5:16 and multiple other references (below in red)

**TOPIC:** Learning from Moms

**BIG IDEA:** Moms in the Bible.

**Supplies:** Cardstock, Markers, Pens, Pencils, Crayons, Stickers, Bibles

**Learning Objective:** After this lesson, students will demonstrate a knowledge of Biblical mothers.  They will also identify ways that they can honor their own mothers.

**YOUTH WORSHIP**

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Happy Mother’s Day! Did anybody do anything special for their moms this weekend or you have anything planned for today?

I want us to brainstorm things that their moms like to say.

For example, “You may not be finished with dinner until you eat your vegetables” or “I’m not going to tell you again” or “Get your fingers out of your nose!”

Mother’s Day started in 1914 with an act of Congress.  President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the 2nd Sunday in May as Mother’s Day.  It was a time to publicly express our love and honor for the moms in our country.

I want us to brainstorm again things they can give their moms for Mother’s Day:  cards, flowers, coupon books, cleaning their room, obedience, etc.

Guess what though, I have the “best gift ever” for Mother’s Day.  The best thing we can give our mom is honor.

Does anybody know what honor means? Or, can anyone give me an example of what honor can look like?

Honor is showing respect for your mom in your own home and outside of your home where everyone can see.

Let’s read Deuteronomy 5:16.

**16**“Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

How can we do show honor to our moms? (Talk highly of your mom, thank her for what she does, listen, give respect, gifts, time, surprise her, pray for her, etc!)

Today we’re going to learn about some moms in the Bible.  Some followed God.  Some didn’t.  They all made mistakes.  Some were remembered for them.  Others were remembered for their love for God, their children, and others.  Let’s see what we can learn from these moms!”

**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.  Read Genesis 3:1-6 and Genesis 3: 20.

**Hannah:** Hannah was the mom of Samuel, a judge 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.  Read 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.  Read 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.  Read Exodus 2:1-4.

**Sarah:** Sarah became Isaac’s mom when she was over 100.  She was Abraham’s wife, who laughed at the promise that she would have a child.  Before Isaac was born, she got impatient to have a baby and tried to take matters into her own hands.  She caused a lot of problems by doing that.  Read 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.  Read Luke 1:39-45.

**Rebekah:**Rebekah was Isaac’s wife and Esau and Jacob’s mom.  She was a beautiful woman who was first noticed because she served others unselfishly.  She was a hard worker.  Rebekah followed God, but did make Jacob her favorite son.  Because of that, she convinced him to steal his brother’s blessing.  This caused a lot of problems.  Read 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.  It was there that Naomi helped Ruth find her husband, Boaz.  Read Ruth 1:3 and Ruth 1:15-18.

As you can tell, some of the Biblical moms did what was right in God’s eyes.

- They prayed,

- were hard working,

- beautiful,

- faithful,

- and strong

Do these traits remind you of your moms, maybe?

Each of these moms had their moments.  We have read that they were sometimes:

* sneaky,
* disobedient,
* and impatient

Do these traits remind you of your moms also? Maybe!

But wait! Could that describe us too?  (YES!)

Yes! We all sin.  Thankfully, because of Jesus, we don’t have to live in that sin.  We can be forgiven and do what is right.

How will you be known?  As someone who follows Jesus?  Or as someone who doesn’t really care.  Let’s each be remembered for following God!

**CRAFT**

Have students write a Mother’s Day card, thanking their moms for specific things that they do or writing down favorite times with their mom.  Emphasize that this card should honor them.

Close in prayer, thanking God for the truths we can learn from the Biblical moms.  Thank God for the moms that God has given each person present.