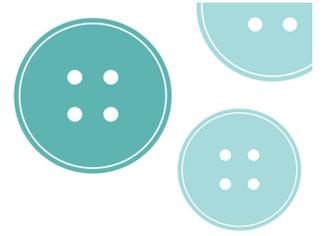


MOTHER'S DAY OBJECT LESSON



MOTHER'S DAY #1

OBJECTS REQUIRED: A box of oatmeal, a schoolbook, a clock, a bottle of dishwashing detergent.

SCRIPTURE: Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Proverbs 1:8

As you all know, today is Mother's Day. Today people honour their mothers and tell her how wonderful and special she is. I have brought several things this morning that remind me of my mother. I want to show them to you and tell you about my mother.

Porridge! My mother always insisted that I eat a well-rounded breakfast. Now, my idea of a well-rounded breakfast was a chocolate covered doughnut. But my mother did not agree! I always had to eat something like porridge or toast, and orange juice. Why? *Because my mother loved me and wanted me to grow up to be strong and healthy.*

Books! Some of my friends went home after school and watched cartoons on TV, but not me! My mum always insisted that I do my homework before I watched any TV. Why? *Because my mother loved me and she knew that a good education was one of the best things she could give me.*

Clocks! I am reminded of my mother by a clock because she always insisted on knowing where I was every minute of the day. If I wanted to go to a friend's house after school, I always had to call my mum and ask for her permission and tell her where I was going to be and what I was going to be doing. Why? *Because she loved me and wanted me to be safe.*

Dishwashing detergent! I guess my mum never heard about child labour laws. She had this idea that every member of the family should chip in and help with the chores around the house. One of mine was doing the dishes and I was expected to do them without being told. Why? *Because my mother loved me and wanted me to learn that a happy family is one where everyone works together.*

My mum isn't here anymore. She's in heaven. She probably has the angels dusting off the pearly gates and sweeping the golden streets! My mother was like that! Sometimes I thought I was being mistreated, but I wasn't. My mother did the things she did because she loved me and wanted what was best for me.

Father, we thank you for our mothers. Help us to remember that when we think our mother is mistreating us, she is often just showing us how much she loves us. Amen.

SOURCE: 52 Object lessons: David Goodwin www.kidsreach.org.au
Although it is based around the speaker's own experiences, the ideas could easily be adapted and developed.

MOTHER'S DAY #2

Here is a simple idea to use on Mother's Day.

LESSON:

Hold up a 'Mothers Day' card inside an envelope and ask the children what kind of card they think this is. They will guess it is a Mother's Day Card.

Ask the children for ideas on what their mother does for them.

You might get some interesting and fun responses from all ages! (you could video tape this and show in the adult service!)

Typical responses might include: She cooks, cleans, takes care of them when they are sick, etc. Ask for ideas on what they do in return, to show their mother how much they appreciate her. This is a good opportunity to challenge them to do more.

Explain that what our mother does for us is similar to what God does for us. He loves us, He created us, and He cares for us when we are sick, etc.

Mother's Day reminds us of how much our mothers love us and we can also let it remind us of how much God loves us.