

Aim:

To teach the girls that their mums are very special people. God wants us to be thankful for our mothers and honour them. We honour our mums by showing them how special they are and by obeying them.

Objectives:

- To have the girls make a card for their mother/grandmother/special person inviting them to come along next week for a special supper.
- Make a chocolate rose for mum or that special person



Coaches Tip: Be aware of any girls in your unit who do not have a mum. She may have a grandmother or other adult female she can invite for supper the following week.

Preparation:

Make a couple of cards as examples so the girls can see the completed card. Have a notice for the girls to give to their parents explaining the programme for the supper next week. The time for the supper would need to be half an hour before the normal home time. So if your unit meets from 6pm - 7.30pm invite the mothers to come from 7pm - 7.30pm. This will give the girls one hour to make the cupcakes before they arrive.

Pre SetUp:

Before the girls arrive set up tables with the equipment ready for the card making.

SetUp:

This is your usual formal start to the evening programme, girls will assemble at the Home Zone for marking the roll etc.

Devotion:

Soon we will be celebrating Mothers day. This is a special day to show our mums how much we love them! The Bible has a lot to say about our mums. Let's see what it says.

Did you know that God planned long before you were born who your mum would be? He picked just the right mum for you! In the book of Psalms, this is what David said when he prayed, (Read Ps. 22:9-10) David was glad that God gave him the mother that he did, because *she* was the one who helped him trust in God!

Your mum was probably the one who helped you get ready to come to IFG today. I'm so glad that your mums love you so much that they want to teach you the most important things! Right from the very start, from the day you were born, your mum made sure you would learn about good things. God wants us to be thankful for our mums, and to treat her as special. After all, she is the mum God picked just for you.

Let's see what else our Bibles say about mothers: (Deut 5:16). To honour someone means that you think a lot of them, and you show it. When you honour someone you show them how special they are to you. And, you tell them how glad you are to have them close to you.

Let's talk about ways we can honour our mothers. One way to honor our mum is to listen to her and do what she says. When we obey her, we show her that we trust what she says. We show her that we believe she knows what is best, even if we don't always understand why, and we show her that we love her. Proverbs 23:22-25 tells us this: (Read Proverbs 23:22-25). When you do what your mum says, it makes her so happy! It makes her so glad to see that you are doing what she tells you! (6) And God wants us to do everything we can to make our mums glad.

There are lots of other ways we can honour our mums, too, and make them feel special. This is right because she is the one who gave birth to you. And, she is the one God picked to take care of you!

Who can tell me something you could do to make your mum feel special? (Let children raise their hands to take turns answering the question. Then add as few or as many of the responses listed below as you would like).

One way you could help your mum feel special is to help her do the chores even before she asks us. For example, you could dust the furniture or wipe the table. You could put your stuff away.

You could surprise her by making her a sandwich. You could ask Dad to help you write a note that says, "I love you mum" and place it by the sandwich. Or, you could give her something she likes for no special reason, like flowers, or her favorite dessert.

When your friends are at your house, you could say nice things about your mum and tell everyone how glad you are that she is your mum. And, when her friends are at your house, you can be on your best behavior.

If you do something wrong, you can go tell her you're sorry and ask her to forgive you. And, if she makes a mistake, you could forgive her quickly.

You could thank her for the little things she does: Thank her for making your bed, for making you a yummy lunch, and for doing the dishes. Thank her for folding your sweater nice and neat. Thank her for making the bathroom sparkly clean!

Tell her how much you enjoy the Bible stories that she reads you! Tell her how much fun she is to be with.

Ask her what you should do if you have a problem. Ask her what she thinks about anything at all.

Buy her something special with your pocket money. Give her a present for no particular reason.

Tell her how cool she is. Give her a hug just because. Let her sit in the most comfy chair in the house.

Do what she asks you to do without complaining.

Whatever you do well, (sing, paint, build), do it just for your mum.

Prayer: Dear God, Thank you for picking just the right mum for me. Thank you that she helps me learn about you. Please help me to make her happy by listening to her and doing what she says. Help me to make her feel special today and every day. In Jesus name. Amen

Teaching/Activity Session:

Explain to the girls that they are going to make a special card inviting their mothers to come for supper next week. It would be a good idea to computer print an invitation that the girls can glue into their card with all relevant details on it.

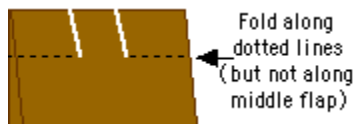
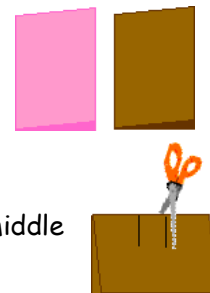
Pop-up Flower Garden Card:

Equipment needed:

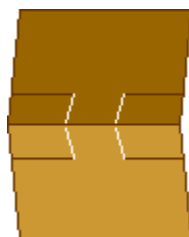
- Coloured card
- Scissors
- Glue
- Markers or crayons

Instructions:

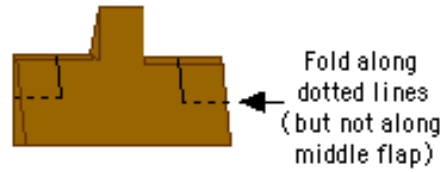
1. Fold two rectangular pieces of construction paper in half. One piece will be the outside of the card and one piece the inside.
2. On the piece that will be the inside, cut two short lines near the middle of the fold.
3. Fold the two outside flaps that you just made (but do not fold the middle flap). Unfold the flaps.



4. Open the card, push the two flaps towards the inside of the card - they will form 2 step-like protuberances.



5. Refold the card. Cut two short lines through the folded flats on the sides.



6. Open the card. Push the two flaps towards the inside of the card - they will form 4 step-like protuberances.



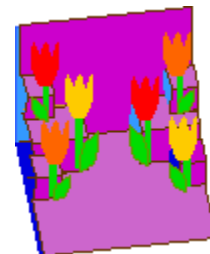
7. Cut some small flowers, stems and leaves from construction paper. Decorate them with crayons or markers in you wish.

8.

9. Glue the flowers to the flaps. Make sure that the flowers do not stick out of the card when the card is closed.



10. Glue the card to the other pieces of folded construction paper. To make sure that you do not glue the flaps down, apply the glue only to the inside of the card and then carefully place it on the outer card. Write a message on your card.



Chocolate Rosebuds

Get each of the girls to make one of these rosebuds, put them into a vase for the centre piece of the table for supper next week.

Materials & Tools

Floral stem wire 18 inches long
Pair of jewellery pliers and a cutter
Foil wrapped milk chocolate Hershey's kisses
Double sided tape
Clear red or gold cellophane
Scissors
Floral tape

Instructions:

1. Cut each 18-inch floral stem in half, to make 9-inch stems.



2. Use jewellery pliers to create a bended loop -- about 1-inch in diameter -- in one end of each piece of floral wire.

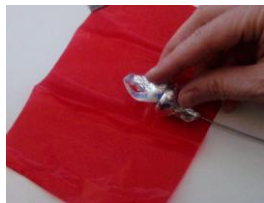


3. Use a half-inch piece of double-stick tape to attach the bottoms of two kisses to each other.



4. Cut red cellophane into 4 by 6-inch pieces. Cut enough for number of roses you are making.

5. Put a doubled kiss in the middle of a piece of cellophane. Slip the wire stem in place over the point of the bottom kiss. Fold the wide side of the cellophane in half, down over the kisses.



6. Carefully fold the top left corner of the cellophane down to the right, crossing the chocolate drops. Fold the top right corner of the cellophane down to the left in a similar manner. See how the cellophane looks like the petals of a rosebud? Twist the bottom of the



cellophane
around
the stem
in the
direction

of the last fold.

7. Starting just beneath the bottom chocolate drop, wrap the floral tape around the base of the rosebud, directly on top of the cellophane. Make at least two tight, closely-wrapped passes with the tape, to hold everything together. Stretch the tape as you work to help it grip. As you wrap, overlap the tape's edges to hide the stem. Slowly rotate the stem away from you while you work down the length of the stem. Continue wrapping until you reach the end of the stem. Cut the floral tape then wrap and pinch the end to seal it. Repeat these steps for each additional rose.



8. Arrange in a vase for next week.



Get the girls to assist with the clean up as they finish their cards and roses. It may be a good idea to split the girls into groups with one group working on their card while the other group works on their chocolate rose - groups to then swap over.

Game: If there is time to spare have a game ready for the girls to play.

Prayer

Notices & home time:

Hand out the notice you have written explaining the supper next week. Make sure all the girls have their cards and remind them to give them to mum.

Objective: To make cup-cakes for mothers for supper
Learn the art of folding serviettes and setting a table
Practice reciting a Mother's Day poem or poems for presentation to Mums at supper.

Equipment needed:

For baking:

- Ingredients for the cupcakes and icing. You could provide small sweets for the girls to decorate the icing.
- Measuring cups, spoons and bowls to mix the ingredients in.
- oven
- Cup cake pans and paper cup cake liners.
- Oven cloth
- Cooling rack.
- Detergent and tea towels
- Pretty plates to put the cakes on
- Cups and drinks for the girls and mothers
- Tablecloths

Preparation:

Collect all ingredients, utensils etc, plus craft materials if needed.

Make sure the oven is turned on early.

Have the recipe written up so the girls can read and follow it.

Pre SetUp:

Place all the ingredients and equipment out on a table so the girls can easily access them.

Set up chairs ready for the supper time. You may like to arrange them around tables.

SetUp:

Commence the formal part of the evening with roll call etc.

Devotions:

Review what was discussed the previous week about the importance of our mothers and ask the girls how they could honour their mothers when they arrive for the supper. Try and get them to give the suggestions.

Tell the girls that it will be their responsibility to serve the drinks and cupcakes to their mums. Talk to them about how they can make their mums feel special tonight.

Teaching/Activity Session:

Make the cupcakes using the recipe below or your own if you prefer.

The cupcakes will need to cool before the girls can apply the icing.

While they are cooling the girls can set the table to supper, learn to fold serviettes and some girls' could practice one of the Mother's Day poems at the end of this session, so it can be shared with the mums at supper.

Supper:

As the mothers arrive get the girls to welcome them and take them to sit down.

The girls then hand out the cupcakes and drinks.

If you are serving hot drinks (tea and coffee) to the mums have a leader make them. The girls could hand them out.

Girls' to share a poem or poems.

Girls' can then give their mum or special friend the chocolate rose.

Notices & home time:

End the evening with a prayer including the mums

Basic Chocolate cup cake recipe - makes 12 cakes:**Ingredients:**

150 g butter - softened

150g superfine castor sugar

175 g self-raising flour

3 eggs

2 tblsp cocoa powder

1 tsp vanilla extract

Method:

1. Pre-heat oven to 180 degrees Celsius
2. Line a 12 cup cake pan with cup cake papers
3. Break the eggs into a cup and beat lightly with a fork.
4. Place all the ingredients in a large bowl.
5. Beat with an electric mixer for two minutes, until light and creamy
6. Divide the mixture evenly between the cake cases.
7. Bake for 18-20 minutes until risen and firm to touch.
8. Allow to cool for a few minutes and then transfer to a wire rack.
9. Allow to cool fully before icing.

Butter Cream Frosting:**Ingredients:**

150 g butter - softened

250 g icing sugar

1 tsp vanilla essence

2 tsp hot water

Method:

1. Beat together the butter and sugar with an electric beater.
2. Once well combined, add the vanilla and water. Beat until smooth and creamy.

Some suggestions for a poem or poems - there are more to be found by Googling "Mother's Day Poems from Children"



Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord, it's such a hectic day,
With little time to stop and pray,
For life's been anything but calm,
Since you called on me to be a mum.

Running errands, matching socks,
Building dreams with building blocks.
Cooking, cleaning, and finding shoes,
And other stuff that children lose.

Fitting lids on bottled bugs,
Wiping tears and giving hugs.
A stack of last week's mail to read,
So where's the quiet time I need?

Yet when I steal a minute Lord,
Just at the sink or ironing board,
To ask the blessings of your grace,
I see them in my small one's face,

That you have blessed me all the while,
As I stop to kiss that precious smile.

Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He moulded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.

And Grandma's too

"While we honor all our mothers
with words of love and praise.
While we tell about their goodness
and their kind and loving ways.
We should also think of Grandma,
she's a mother too, you see....
For she mothered my dear mother
as my mother mothers me."



My Special Friend

Her love is like
an island in life's ocean,
vast and wide

A peaceful, quiet shelter
From the wind, the rain, the tide.
'Tis bound on the north by Hope,
By Patience on the West,
By tender Counsel on the South
And on the East by Rest.

Above it like a beacon light
Shine Faith, and Truth, and Prayer;
And thro' the changing scenes of life
I find a haven there.