

Holiday Lesson Series

Mother's Day

Bible Verse:

Isaiah 66:13

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem."

Why We Celebrate This Holiday:

Mother's Day has been celebrated in the United States for about 150 years. Originally called "Mother's Work Day", this day was first celebrated to raise awareness for poor health conditions. Because mothers are often the best advocates for health, this soon became a day to celebrate the mother. Today, Mother's Day is celebrated to show mom how much you care and love her. It is celebrated on the second Sunday of May.

Lesson Ideas:

1. Thank You Mom: This is a good time to talk about how much the kids appreciate their mothers. Discuss with the children the kinds of things that they appreciate of about their mothers such as caring for them when they are hurt, or sad.
2. Family Tree: You can also use Mother's Day to teach the children about their family tree. Have children bring in pictures of their family and learning about their grandparents and great-grandparents.

Decorations:

1. Decorate for Mother's Day by using some fresh cut flowers in the classroom.
2. Have a Mother's Day tea party and decorate the table with a nice tablecloth, fabric napkins and fancy plates. You can even hold a tea party and invite the mothers to attend.
3. Find a picture of Mary and Jesus. Hang this in the room to show the kids that everyone has a mother.

Craft:

Lovin' Spoonful: This is a cute idea for a gift for a Mother's Day gift that the children can make and give to their mom's. Take a clear plastic spoon and place a Hershey kiss in the middle of the spoon and wrap the end of the spoon with clear cellophane or a square of tulle fabric.

Snacks:

1. Mother's Day Scones: Use a quick baking biscuit mix (such as Bisquick) and make scones. Follow the recipes to make drop biscuits, but add a little bit of sugar and cinnamon. Bake as directed.
2. Mother's Day Tea: Find a flavored tea without caffeine. Serve it to the children along with some sugar cubes.

Game:**Mother's Day Matching Cards:**

Use index cards to make memory cards for the kids to play. Look online or through magazines and find pictures of a mother animal and a matching baby animal (for example, a cat and a kitten, a dog and a puppy, a chick and a chicken). Glue the mother on one card and the baby on the other. Make several sets of these cards. Place them face down and let the children play a game of memory until all the matches have been made.

Gift Idea:

Mother's Day Pin: Get an artificial flower and pull off the stem. Glue a jewelry pin on the back. On the front, glue two wiggly eyes. Give them to the kids so they can remember Mother's Day.