

MOTHER'S DAY



PREPARATION

- + Service Sheet or slide presentation with songs, prayers...
- + Handprint Lilies:
 - ▶ white paper
 - ▶ pens/pencils
 - ▶ scissors
 - ▶ sticky tape
 - ▶ chenille sticks
 - ▶ ribbon
 - ▶ gift tag
- + 'You are Tea-riffic' Card:
 - ▶ folded card with teapot shape outline on the front
 - ▶ teabag on string
 - ▶ sticky tape
 - ▶ paint/pens/stickers to decorate
- + A variety of musical instruments
- + A small gift for each woman present, eg chocolate, candle, bubble bath

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

In most European countries, the fourth Sunday in Lent is set aside as a special day to honour mothers. In the UK, Mothering Sunday used to be when churchgoers in outlying villages would journey to their mother church to take their offerings. Later it became the day when girls in service were given the day off to enable them to visit their families.

Today we use Mother's Day as a special day to say 'thank you' to our mums for all that they do for us. However, it is important that we are sensitive regarding this, as in our groups there may be grandparent carers, looked-after children, and those grieving the loss of a child or their own mum or grandma.



WELCOME

Welcome Song – select from the Song Bank

BIBLE READING/THOUGHT

Ask the children about their significant female care providers and everything they do for them. Talk about all the women who love and help them – Mum, Grandma, Auntie, godmother etc – and how special they are. Tell them that Mother's Day is a special day to thank God for everything that our mums do – but we should remember to say thank you every day!

You could tell a Bible story about one of the mothers in the Bible, eg Sarah, Jochebed (Moses' mother), Hannah, Ruth, Mary.

Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me

ISAIAH 49:15-16



THEME SONG

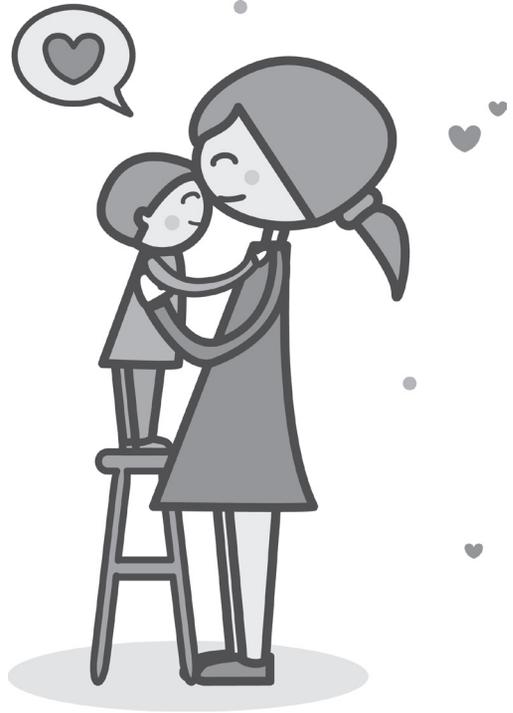
'Help, Help, Help Your Mum'

Tune: 'Row, row, row your boat'

Help, help, help your mum,
Help her every day,
Eat your fruit and vegetables –
To grow big that's the way!

Help, help, help your mum,
Help her every day,
Tidy all your toys and games,
Put everything away!

Help, help, help your mum,
Help her every day,
Tell her that you love her lots,
Give cuddles as you play!



PRAYER

Dear God,

My Mummy washes my clothes, *(mime washing clothes)*
My Mummy cooks my dinner, *(mime eating)*
My Mummy gives me hugs. *(wrap arms around)*
Thank you, God, for all the things my Mummy does for me.

Amen.

PRAYER SONG

Tune: 'Twinkle, Twinkle'

Mums and Grandmas, Aunties too,
Let's thank God for all they do;
For the times they play with me,
Wash my clothes and make my tea.
Mums and Grandmas, Aunties too,
Thank you, God, for all they do.
Amen.

HAPPY
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ACTIVITY/GAMES

1. Handprint Lilies

- ▶ Help children to draw around their hand on white paper and cut out the handprint shape – do this three times.
- ▶ Curl each of the handprint fingers around a pencil.
- ▶ Using the palm of the handprint, form a cone (with the fingers curling outwards). Tape the cone together.
- ▶ Fold the small chenille sticks in half and wrap around the stem.
- ▶ Push the stem through the cone from the top and secure in place with sticky tape at the base of the flower.
- ▶ Do this three times and then wrap a ribbon round to join together.
- ▶ Add a gift tag with a Mother's Day message.

2. 'You are Tea-riffic' Card

- ▶ On the card, get the children to decorate the teapot outline using finger painting, colouring or stickers.
- ▶ Inside the card write 'You are Tea-riffic' and stick in the teabag.
- ▶ Help the children to write a personal message to their Mum, Grandma, godmother...

3. For other ideas see www.pinterest.com/AFMYorkshire/crafts-for-mothers-day

4. Action Rhyme: 'My Mum is the best!'

On the word 'best' get the children to put their thumbs up.

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| 👍 My Mum is the best – she cooks my tea, | <i>(Mime eating)</i> |
| 👍 My Mum is the best – she cuddles me. | <i>(Hug yourself)</i> |
| 👍 My Mum is the best – she washes my clothes, | <i>(Mime washing clothes)</i> |
| 👍 My Mum is the best – she plays with me loads. | <i>(Mime building bricks)</i> |
| 👍 My Mum is the best – she takes me to school, | <i>(Clasp hands)</i> |
| 👍 My Mum is the best – she's yummy and cool! | <i>(Clap hands)</i> |
| 👍 My Mum is the best – she's gorgeous to touch, | <i>(Stroke your face)</i> |
| 👍 My Mum is the best – I love her this much! | <i>(Stretch your arms wide)</i> |

INSTRUMENT SONGS

Select from the Song Bank.

ADDITIONAL SONGS

- 🎵 'He's got the whole world in his hands'
- 🎵 Add a verse saying 'He's got all the Mums and Grandmas in his hands'

CLOSING

Get the children to give all the women present a small gift to say 'Thank You'.

Closing Song or Prayer – select from resources.