



Mom's Are Made That Way

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"Children are a gift from the Lord. They are a reward from Him"
(Psalm 127:3).

Children's Sermon

You will need to have available all different kinds of apples:
Different sizes, colors, and textures.

"What do we have here today? Who likes apples? I love apples prepared in all different ways: Baked into a pie, dipped in caramel or right off of the tree. How do you like your apples? (Let the children respond.)

There are a lot of apples sitting up here. Can anyone tell the difference between all of them? (Give the children time to talk about the different types of apples.)

Even though these apples all look different, there is something that is the same about them. Do you know what it is? That's right, they are all *apples*. If you look inside, you will find that they all have seeds, they all taste like an apple, and they were all made by God.

God also made something else that looks different on the outside, but if you could look on the inside you would find they are all the same. Does anyone know what this is? **MOTHERS**. God made moms to all look different on the outside, but on the inside they all have the same heart that loves their children very much and want what is best for them.

In our verse today (Psalm 127:3) it tells us that children are a gift from the Lord. Have you ever thought about the fact that you are a gift to your mom and dad? Yes, **YOU** are a gift!

There was a lady in the Bible (1 Samuel 1:8-20) who had a love in her heart to be a mom, but she could not be a mommy yet. She would cry and cry and cry because she wanted a baby so bad. Then one day she went up to the temple and prayed to the Lord asking for a baby.

Open the Bible and read this story together to find out what gift the Lord gave Hannah and her husband.



Song: Moms Are Made That Way

(Words and Music by Mary Rice Hopkins)

Play and sing the song to introduce the Children's Sermon

They come in all shapes and sizes
They're full of lots of surprises
But moms they are the wisest
Moms are made that way

Though she's not perfect
She's gentle and kind
She looks inside me time after time
Mom's have eyes that can see anything
So I'll never hide when she calls out my name
Thank you Mom
Oh thank you, thank you Mom

When I need a hug on a cloudy day
We stop for a moment and then we pray
I love you Mom more than words can say
Moms are made that way

Though she's not perfect
She's gentle and kind
She looks inside me time after time
Moms have eyes that can see anything
So I'll never hide when she calls out my name
(I won't hide)
Thank you Mom

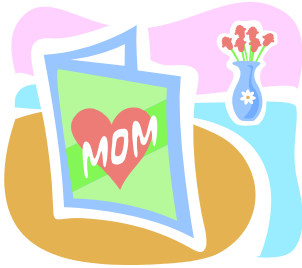
Oh thank you, thank you Mom
Moms do more than their share
Sometimes it just doesn't seem fair
If you need someone who really cares
Moms are made that way
Moms are made that way
I think God made moms that way

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My Mom is Special ~ Art

Talk with the children about how special their moms are. What makes her so special? In art they will get to make mom a card to show her how special she is.

Have Your Art Area FULL of Different Art Materials for the Children to Use:



- Paper
- Markers / Crayons
- Scrap material
- Scissors
- Glue / Tape
- Envelopes that will fit their cards
- Stickers / Sequins / Glitter
- No stops...keep the ideas coming

Be sure to be available to help the children who need help writing their messages on the inside of their cards. You can save these cards to go with the craft for the day.

Gift Box ~ Craft

For this craft you will need a small box for each child. They will be decorating their own gift boxes for their mothers.

Have Available the Following:

- One box per child
- Stickers
- Crayon / Markers
- Wrapping paper
- Tape / Glue
- Any other items to decorate with



Give the children plenty of time to be creative in their decorating of their gift boxes. Allow them to make it special for their Moms (Grandmas). Inside the box they will be placing a picture of themselves doing something they really enjoy doing. Be sure to have a picture taken of the child doing something they enjoy doing. Place the picture in the box and help the child close up their gift.

Moms and Muffins Snack

For Classroom Use: Invite moms to a special snack for the day. Have muffins, juice, and fancy napkins. Make it a very special time for the moms in your classroom. Teach the children Mary's song, "Moms are made that Way" from her Sing through the Year CD and have them sing for their moms.

For Home Use: Set up a table for you and your child(ren) to have a special snack together—Something that is unique for you and your child. Encourage your child to help with the organizing, letting them know that when they help, it makes you feel so special.

For Sunday School Use: Have some pre-made, heart-shaped sugar cookies for the children to decorate for their moms. Have available different sprinkles, frosting, and extra cookies for the children to eat.

Mom's Day Celebration

If you are able to invite moms into your classroom, use this time to put on a small performance for them to show how much they are loved. Some of Mary's other songs are great for this activity.



Juggling Mom (from Mary's "Juggling Moms" CD).

Sometimes we moms get so busy taking care of our little gifts that we don't know which direction we are going, at which soccer field we are supposed to be, or when the dentist appointment is. This is a song that is sure to get everyone laughing!



Fingerprints (from Mary's "Kids Kamp" or "Juggling Mom" CD).

As our children grow right before our eyes, their little fingerprints that use to mark up the walls or the sliding glass door, all go with them. However, as they get older, their fingerprint marks change. This song is sure to bring out the tissues and warm your heart.



Closing Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, You say in Your Word that children are a gift from You to their parents. I want to thank you today for the gift of children. Thank you for making each one of them special and unique in their own way.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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