

The Mom Awards

Hold a “Mom Awards” as a way for your family to celebrate Mom.

- Interview your kids to determine award categories: **Favorite thing you like to do with Mom... Favorite thing that Mom does for you... What is Mom THE BEST at...**etc.
- Turn their answers into 4-5 award categories, such as: **Best Cookie Chef, Best Hugger, Prettiest, etc.**
- Write each category on a separate note card and put them in separate envelopes.

Have each child read the name of an award, announcing the winner, “And the winner is Mom!” Of course, Mom wins in every category! With every award, the “audience” responds with cheering, standing ovations and thunderous applause. For the final award, present Mom with a “Best Mommy” sash, a handmade crown, a special certificate created by the kids, and/or her favorite flowers.

Close in a prayer to thank God for Mom. Sample prayer:

“Lord, thank you for Mom. She is a wonderful gift to us. She works so hard for our family, and loves us so much. She is a great example of a person who loves and follows You. Bless her deeply. Help us as a family to honor her every day. Amen.”

ADAPTED FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Encourage each child to write something to be shared with Mom (handwritten notes are best). **Ideas for topics:** A lesson Mom taught me that I will never forget, 10 things I love about Mom, My favorite memory with Mom, How God has used Mom to bless my life, etc.

Take turns reading what each of you has written, making time in between readings for laughter, tears and even comments from others that “echo” what has been read.

Prayer: Have someone close the time in prayer, thanking the Lord for blessing your lives through Mom, and asking Him to continue to bless her.

Mom's Favorites

Have a fun family activity to talk about the special way that God made Mom to discover some of her favorite things.

Go through the list of “Mom Likes” one at a time. Have each person decide which one they think Mom likes best. Share answers by writing down or raising hands. Have Mom reveal her answers.

MOM LIKES

(Use list below or create your own)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CHOCOLATE | <input type="checkbox"/> VANILLA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HUGS | <input type="checkbox"/> KISSES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CATS | <input type="checkbox"/> DOGS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MOVIE OUT | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVIE IN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BEACH | <input type="checkbox"/> POOL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POPCORN | <input type="checkbox"/> CANDY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SPRING | <input type="checkbox"/> FALL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COFFEE | <input type="checkbox"/> TEA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ICE CREAM | <input type="checkbox"/> COOKIES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PIZZA | <input type="checkbox"/> BURGER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAMPING | <input type="checkbox"/> STAY IN HOTEL |

Optional: Surprise Mom with a basket of her favorite things.



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Mother's Day

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Celebrating Mom

Take this time to celebrate all the special moms that God has placed in your life.

Single moms, moms with a full house of kids, moms with one child, moms who have adopted, foster moms, spiritual moms, stepmoms, and grandmoms. Use the ideas included in this guide to choose different ways you can honor and celebrate these special women.



HER CHILDREN RISE UP
AND CALL HER BLESSED.

PROVERBS 31:28

Be a Blessing

For many, Mother's Day may be a more difficult time; often because of the loss of a mom/grandmother, an unfulfilled desire to become a mother or the loss of a child. As we celebrate this special day and honor motherhood, let's also be sensitive to those that might be hurting and look for ways to bless them.

- SEND A CARD
- BUY A PLANT/TREE IN HONOR OF THEIR LOVED ONE THAT HAS PASSED AWAY
- SEND FLOWERS WITH SCRIPTURE AND A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT
- SAY A PRAYER

Blessing Notes for Mom

Write a blessing note to affirm the value of motherhood for mom, grandmother or other significant women in your life. Use the samples below to give you ideas for your blessing notes.

Wife: Let her know how much you cherish her—including her nurturing spirit, beauty, and the ways she gives of herself. *Sample language...*

I appreciate the way you bring beauty into my life and the lives of our children. Thank you for (insert something she does well.) You are lovely inside and out. I am so blessed to be married to you.

Mom: Express gratitude for the sacrifices she makes for you and how much you love and appreciate her. *Sample language...*

I am grateful for the time you spend with me and the fun we have together. You make our family so special. Thank you for being the best mom ever!

Grandmother: Tell her the ways you admire and appreciate her and all that she does. *Sample language...*

Thank you for all that you do for our family and the way that you love us all so well. I treasure our special time together. I love you.

Choose a creative way to deliver the notes, such as... place in her favorite shoes, in her car, send in the mail, tape on the mirror, etc.

Affirming Mom!

We often assume that others know how much we appreciate and love them, but we rarely tell them. Capture the moment during Mother's Day to affirm the moms that God has placed in your life. This is an incredible time to encourage and bless her.

ADVANCE PREPARATION

- Give everyone who will participate some advance notice so they can prepare special words to share.
- If you wish, find a specific Bible verse to read or quote that you think would be an encouragement. *Suggested verse: Proverbs 31:28*
- Before you affirm Mom, let her know that you want her to hear some things that you hope she will cherish for years to come. Encourage her to enjoy it, take it in and know she is loved!

AFFIRMATION TIME

- Start by stating how much the group values Mom and that you would like to take some time to share how much she means to each of you.
- Take turns affirming and celebrating her. You can go in random order and can always go more than once. As others are sharing, someone may be reminded of additional things they treasure about Mom to add to any comments they may have prepared.
- Read any Bible verses chosen and let the group comment on why the passage relates to Mom.
- Finish the time of affirmation by praying together for Mom. Thank the Lord for her and the many ways she blesses each one of you. Pray that the Lord would continue to bless her.