

Good morning parents!

A happy Mother's Day to all our mom's in Kids Branch. Thank you for all you do to love and serve your families and our community. We hope that you have a very special day and know that you are loved.

Today we are pausing our current curriculum series to celebrate Mother's Day. Through the story of the Jesus at the temple as a boy our Kids Branch kids will be taught that God wants them and all of us to listen and honour our parents. We hope that through the story time, singing and activities kids will be reminded about all the different ways that parents show their love and the different ways they can show love to you, their parents.

Whether joining us in person or online we hope that you can stay connected. Check out our <u>May Newsletter</u> to read an encouraging word from Miss Anne and about what has been happening and coming up in Kids Branch.

We find it a great joy to serve your family and to walk alongside you. We are here if you are in need of prayer or support. Or if you know of another family in need of support, please let us know how we can be of help. Don't hesitate to reach out!

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Kids Branch @ Home Video Option – <u>https://youtu.be/qMfW0R6r5Fk</u>

This includes worship and Bible lesson

Kids Branch @ Home Parent Led Option

Worship Suggestions

During worship encourage your kids to sing, follow along with the actions, have a dance party or just listen and think about what the words say who Jesus is and who we are to him. All of these are ways that we can express our joy and love for God.

- Play "Obey" <u>https://youtu.be/ncHnD1wz4NY</u>
- Play "O Taste and See" <u>https://youtu.be/FJdFKYZRxcM</u>

Bible Story Suggestions – The Boy Jesus at the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)

Parent Recap: As a child, Jesus obeyed his parents, and grew in wisdom and stature. The Bible says that his mother Mary treasured all these moments in her heart. When Mary and Joseph could not find Jesus, their love and concern was evident.

Challenge to Kids: We can show our mom that we love her, by obeying her and treating her and others with respect.

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever wandered off on your mom and dad like Jesus did? How did your mom react to that incident?
- What are some fun or unusual ways Moms show us love?
- How does Mom show love to us by giving us chores?
- Why does God want us to honour our parents?
- How does obeying Mom show her you love her?
- What are ways you can show Mom you love her other than cards and presents?

Throughout the Week (Dads and kids)

- Take some time to share with Mom some of the things you appreciate most about her
- Make an effort to anticipate some things she needs and do them before you are asked

Pray Together

Thank God for Mom and other women in your life that are role models. Pray that they would feel loved, and that God would meet their needs.

Memorize Scripture

"Children, obey your parents as believers in the Lord. Obey them because it's the right thing to do." (Ephesians 6:1)