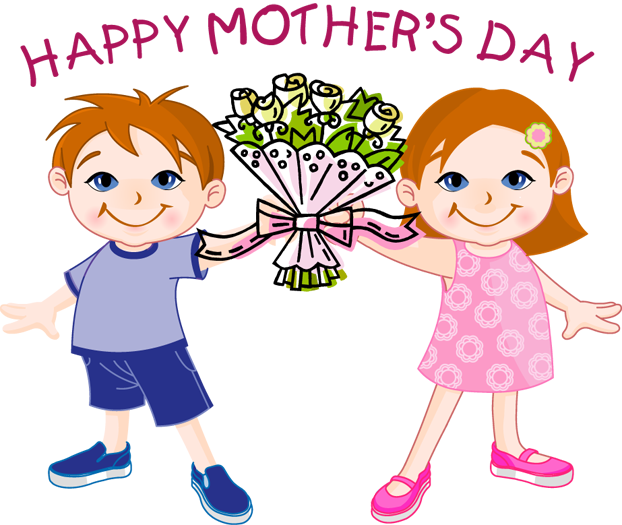
CARING



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| Caring - Mother's Day | |
| Faith | * Mary and Joseph cared for Jesus * Mary is our Mother * God is our Father; He loves and cares for us |
| Values / Morality | * Develop a caring and sharing attitude * Love and gratitude for the care we receive * Respect for others |
| Points for  Discussion | * People who help us at home and school * People who help in the community: * doctor * nurse * dentist * priest * Showing gratitude by responding with love and good behaviour * Mother's Day |
| Prayers | * Jesus Wants You to be Loving * Loving Father on This Day * Thank You God for My Mummy * Dear God, Bless Me and Make Me Good * Prayer Service 'Mother's Day' |
| Sacred Space | * Coloured cloth * Candle * Pictures of families or members of caring profession * Mother's Day Cards * Bible |

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| Children's  Bible Stories | Suggested links with scripture:   * The Lost Sheep, Luke 15 * Miracle of the Loaves and Fish; Mark 6, John 6 * Jesus Got Lost: Luke 2 * Baby Moses : Exodus 1-2 |
| Songs & Nursery Rhymes | * God Loves Me * Busy Bee * This is My Hand * I Come to School |
| Books | **The Owl Babies**  By Martin Waddell, illustrations by Patrick Benson Published by Walker Books Ltd  ISBN-10: 074454923X  **The Lost Sheep**  Scripture Union  ISBN-978-1-84427-501-4 |
| Links with Family | * Mother's Day Prayer Service |

**Prayers**

**Jesus Wants You To Be Loving**

Jesus wants you to be loving

and kind in all you do.

He wants you to be caring

and think of others too.

**God Our Father On This Day**

God our Father on this day

make us happy in our play.

Kind and helpful, playing fair,

letting others have a share.

**Thank You God For My Mummy**

Thank you God for my mummy,

and all the things she does for me.

And mummy I want you to know,

I will always love you so.

**Dear God, Bless Me and Make Me Good**

Dear God bless me and make me good.

Help me do the things I should.

Make our school a holy place,

filled with your love and heaven’s grace.

**Mother's Day Prayer Service**

**Preparation:** Set up sacred space. Include Mother's Day cards; pictures of mothers.

Light a candle.

**Teacher:** Today we welcome our mummies and thank God for them.

We think of all the things our mummies do to help us.

**Child:** My mummy makes my dinner.

**Response:** God bless my mummy.

**Child:** My mummy reads me my bedtime story.

**Response:** God bless my mummy.

**Teacher:** I want to say thanks to everyone's mummy for getting you ready and

bring you to school every day.

**All:** God bless my mummy.

**All:** Thank you God for my mummy.

The children will walk to their mummy and give her a hug and a Mother's Day card.

**Songs and Nursery Rhymes**

**God Loves Me**

**(Sung to Three Blind Mice)**

God loves me.

God loves me.

He loves me more than I know.

I don’t know why he loves me so,

I guess I’ll never ever know,

why God loves me.

**Busy Bee**

**(Sung to Row, Row, Row Your Boat)**

Sweep, sweep, sweep the floor,

be a busy bee.

Help a while you’ll bring a smile

to all your family.

Rake, rake, rake the yard

be a busy bee.

Help a while you’ll bring a smile

to all your family.

Wash, wash, wash your hands,

be a busy bee.

Help a while you’ll bring a smile

to all your family.

**This is My Hand**

This is my hand, my hand will do

a thousand loving things,

loving things for you.

And you will remember when I am tall,

that once my hand was very small.

This is my hand, my hand will do,

a thousand loving things,

loving things for you.

**I Come To School**

I come to school each morning,

happy as can be,

my teacher’s always waiting

with a smile for me.

We sing our songs,

we play our games,

we laugh and dance and play.

My teacher keeps me happy,

in my nursery every day.