

Family Devotional

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Think about it:

Who is in your family? Even though each of your families is different, you all have one thing in common. In fact, every person in the world has this one thing in common. Every person has a mother!

Your mother gave you something wonderful. Do you know what wonderful thing mothers give us? Our mothers give us life!

Your mom carried you around in her body for nine months - that's almost a whole year! It probably wasn't very comfortable for her. She may have been sick, and it's likely that you kicked her in the ribs once or twice!

Why do you think your mom went through all that discomfort? How does it feel to know that someone loves you that much? Our moms went through a lot to give us the precious gift of life. God did the same thing. (Read aloud Romans 6:23b)

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Reflect:

- How did God give us life?
- What hard things did Christ go through for us?
- How does it feel to know that God loves you that much?

Every person is here because of a mother's love. Every person has a chance at new life because of God's love. Let's thank God for the precious gift of life - both on Earth and in Heaven - and those who gave us that gift.

Challenge: Come up with several ways you can show your mother how thankful you are for the life she has given you! Try to do one of these every day this week!

Just like God, mothers care more about what is coming from your heart than grand and expensive plans, so keep it simple and focused on what your mother would appreciate!

Ideas: Do an extra chore without being asked. Make her a card. Read to her. Write specific things you love about her on sticky notes and stick them around the house.

Respond:

God, thank you for our mothers, who gave us the gift of life on Earth. Thank you for your gift of eternal life. We know you suffered to give it to us, but we're thankful for your love. Amen.