

MOTHER'S DAY MATERIAL

Mother's Day began on May 10, 1908. Anna M. Jarvis in a memorial service for her Mother gave a white carnation (her mother's favorite flower) to each one in attendance. On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

A Mother's influence rocks the cradle and gives sound wisdom to Kings and Presidents. Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my Mother." The great leader also said, "No man is poor who has a godly Mother."

The Scriptures present some godly mothers:

Jochebed, the Mother of Moses. (Ex. 2)

Think of the tremendous influence Moses' Mother had upon her son! Moses was the great deliverer of God's people from Egyptian bondage. The faith of Moses' Mother is reflected in Hebrews 11:23.

Hannah, Mother of Samuel.

Samuel was the great judge and prophet of God. Samuel's mother was *faithful* (1 Samuel 1:11); *hopeful* (1:17); *prayerful* (1 Samuel 2:1); *optimistic* (2:1); *rejoicing* or *joyful* (2:2); and *worshipful* (2:2).

Eunice was the Mother of Timothy (2 Timothy 1:4).

She taught her son Timothy from a child (2 Timothy 3:15). Great truths Timothy learned were: *The Scriptures make one wise unto salvation in Christ* (2 Timothy 3:15; cf. Acts 4:12); *The Scriptures are inspired* (God-breathed, 3:16) *The Scriptures are profitable* (3:16-17).

Mother's Day Illustrations:

The story of Solomon Rosenberg and his family is a story from World War Two and the holocaust that took the lives of millions of people.

Solomon Rosenberg and his wife, two sons and his mother and father were arrested and placed in a Nazi concentration camp. It was a labor camp, and the rules strict and simple. "As long as you can do your work, you are permitted to live. When you become too weak to do your work, then you are exterminated."

Rosenberg watched his mother and father marched off to their deaths, and he knew that next would be his youngest son, David, because David had always been a frail child. Every evening Rosenberg came back into the barracks after his hours of labor and searched for his family. When he found them they would huddle together, embrace one another, and thank God for another day of life.

One day Rosenberg came back and didn't see those familiar faces. He finally discovered his oldest son, Joshua, in a corner, huddled, weeping, and praying. He said, "Josh, tell me it's not

true." Joshua said, "It is true, Poppa. Today David was not strong enough to do his work so they came and took him." "Where is your mother?" asked Mr. Rosenberg. "Oh Poppa," he said, "When they came for David, he was afraid and he cried. Momma said, 'There is nothing to be afraid of, David,' and she took his hand and went with him. They took Momma too." A mother's love knows no limits!



Susannah Wesley, mother of John Wesley spent one hour each day praying for her 17 children. In addition, she took each child aside for a full hour every week to discuss spiritual matters. No wonder two of her sons, Charles and John, were used of God to bring blessing to all of England and much of America.



A woman once wrote Gipsy Smith after an evangelistic campaign to tell him she had been converted as a result of one of his messages. She said, "I believe the Lord wants me to preach the Gospel, Brother Smith, but the trouble is that I have 12 children to raise! What shall I do?" She received this letter in reply: "My dear lady, I am happy to hear that you have been saved and feel called to preach, but I am even more delighted to know that God has already provided you with a congregation of 12!" The new convert got the point!



Hymn: "Faith Of Our Mothers"

(To tune: "Faith Of Our Fathers")

"Faith of our mothers living still,
In spite of dark'ning days of doubt;
O, how our hearts warm and thrill
When their faith we think about.

Chorus
*Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

Faith of our mothers! Lord give
This priceless treasure to us all;
That in our fam-ilies we may live
When her ex-ample we recall.

Chorus
*Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

So bless our Mothers! Ev-ery-one
Bless them for holy faith and love;
God bless them for work they've done
Then honor them in realms above!

Chorus
*Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*



One mother says, "The joy of motherhood is what a woman experiences when all the children are finally in bed."



A mother talking to an old college friend said, "Remember, before I was married I had 3 theories about raising children? Well, now I have 3 children and no theories."



Another woman who had three children was asked, "If you had it all to do over again, would you have children?" "Yes," she replied, "But not the same ones."



TEN THINGS A MOM DOESN'T WANT TO HEAR

1. I swallowed a goldfish.
2. Your lipstick works better than crayons.
3. Does grape juice leave a stain???
4. The principal called...
5. But DAD says that word all the time.
6. What's it cost to fix a window???
7. Has anyone seen my earthworms???
8. I painted your shoes pretty, huh Mommy?
9. The dog doesn't like dressing up in your clothes.
10. I'm moving out. (Well, maybe some days.)