

Mother's Day



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Introduction

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One of the most fun days for children has to be Mother's Day—for the excitement of making and giving gifts as well as planning special surprises for Mom. In the process, they learn the importance of recognizing their mothers for their love and hard work. Children want to honor their mothers in the best way possible, and trying to spoil Mom is all part of the plan. From beginning the day with all kinds of giggles and squeals coming from the kitchen to shouts of "don't look!"—the fun day usually begins with breakfast in bed and a treasure trove of handmade gifts and cards. These are the days that everyone will remember for many years to come.

When I was a child, handmade gifts for Mom were at the top of our lists, and her surprise and gratitude made us glow with pride as we learned the importance of giving and thankfulness. The church service that day always included a special time when children would present red carnations to mothers and white carnations to grandmothers, reminding us that grandmothers are mothers too!

Our children have enjoyed the same traditions and have made breakfast in bed with flowers from the garden, and I have enjoyed these days so much. I still have the cards that they made, tucked away in my Bible and my dresser drawer—great treasures from some very special loved ones. I'm sure that you are beginning your own collection. It is my prayer that this study brings your children a better understanding of mothers and family, as well as the importance of mothers since the beginning of Creation.

I have written this fun Download N Go™ unit study/lapbook to help your family have fun while studying and preparing for Mother's Day. With the Download N Go™ unit studies, you will begin a new kind of learning experience. Each study is one week in length, having five daily lessons with lapbook components for each day. The name, Download N Go™, comes from the concept that these studies are ready to use as soon as you have downloaded them. No preparation or waiting time or other expensive resources are required. A few inexpensive items are needed for the lapbook—a simple file folder, a glue stick, safety scissors, a stapler, a hole punch, a scrap of ribbon, and crayons or markers. That's it—simple, effective, and what a way to learn!

Now that you are beginning *Mother's Day* in the Download N Go™ Series, get ready for a wonderful learning adventure about this holiday and all that it holds. Your child will investigate the meaning and history of the holiday, ways that this holiday is celebrated in other countries, the importance of mothers, and what the Bible tells us about mothers. Each day your child will explore and investigate, creating and adding more

learning components to his Mother's Day lapbook—building a wonderful reminder of all that he is learning, to be enjoyed for years to come.

Here are a few of the things that your child will be investigating:

- What are some traditional Mother's Day gifts?
- What does the Bible tell us about mothers?
- What is the history of Mother's Day?
- What can you do for your mother on Mother's Day?

So get ready for the adventure, and thanks for spending a week with us as we begin discovering Mother's Day!



Notes to parents: *Remember that Internet site content can change overnight. Please check the sites that you plan to use before your child visits them in the study.*

Some of the videos in this study are hosted by YouTube and include Google ads that cannot be completely avoided. These ads can be hidden by clicking on the X in the upper-right corner of the ad banner.



To conserve printer ink, please note that most printers have a variety of printing options (draft mode, economy mode, grayscale, black and white, etc.) which may reduce your ink usage. Refer to [this guide](#) for assistance in exploring your printer's options.

Daily Objectives

Day 1: What Is Mother's Day?

1. When is Mother's Day?
2. What is celebrated on Mother's Day?
3. How is Mother's Day celebrated in your country?
4. Learn about the first mother in the Bible, Eve.

Day 2: The History of Mother's Day

1. What do we know about the history of Mother's Day?
2. When did Mother's Day become a holiday in the United States?
3. How is Mother's Day celebrated in Italy?
4. Learn about the mothers of Moses—Jochebed and Pharaoh's daughter.

Day 3: Celebrating Mother's Day

1. What are some of the things that your mother does for you?
2. Interview your mother to see how she celebrated Mother's Day as a child.
3. How is Mother's Day celebrated in Scotland?
4. Learn about Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel.

Day 4: Preparing for Mother's Day

1. Make a plan for your Mother's Day celebration.
2. How is Mother's Day celebrated in Brazil?
3. What does the Bible say about mothers?
4. Learn about Ruth and Naomi.

Day 5: Goodies for Mother's Day

1. Learn about fingerprints.
2. How is Mother's Day celebrated in Armenia?
3. What can you do for other moms who might be alone this Mother's Day?
4. Learn about Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Day 5

Goodies for Mother's Day

To get started on our learning adventure today, watch these helpful videos:

Video: [How to Make Breakfast in Bed for Your Mom](#)

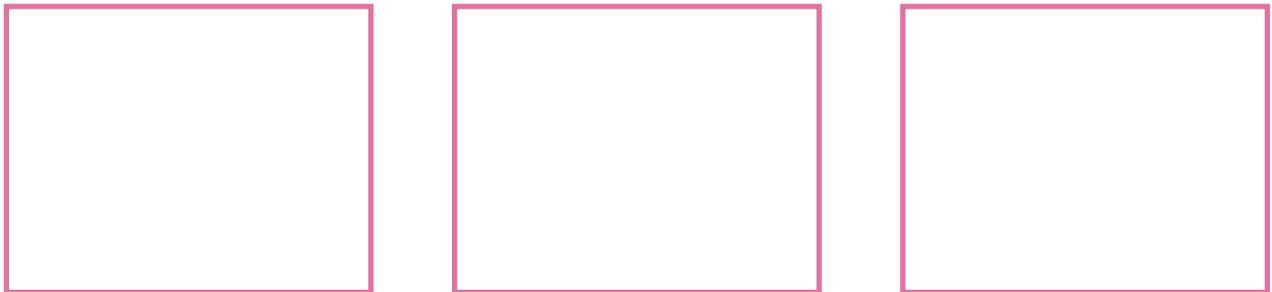
Video: [How to Make Wind Chimes With Kids](#)

Do you know what a fingerprint is? *Read more about your fingerprints at this website.*

[Fingerprint Fun](#)

No one else in the world has the same fingerprints that you do—not your sister, or your brother, or even your mother or your father!

Using the process described in the last link, make a copy of your fingerprint in one box, and make a copy of your brother or sister's fingerprint in another box, and then make a copy of your mother's fingerprint.



Do any of these fingerprints match each other? *Color your answer below.*

YES

NO

You can learn more about fingerprints and fingerprint patterns here.

[Fingerprint Science for Kids](#)

Make a unique butterfly painting for your mom, grandmother, or other loved one for Mother's Day using your handprints. Print [this frame](#) on regular paper or cardstock. Cover your left hand with washable paint and press your hand down on the paper with your fingers together. Now cover your right hand with paint and press it on the paper to make the other butterfly wing. Use the pinkie side of your hand to make the butterfly's body—cover with black washable paint and press down the center of your handprints. Remember to sign your one-of-a-kind painting! Once the paint dries, you can add more decoration to your wings if you like.



Cupcakes and baking make up a big part of Mother's Day in many homes, along with breakfast in bed for Mom and a day of fun and relaxation for Mom. *Plan how you would like to spend Mother's Day with your mom. Don't forget to include doing some fun things together, such as gardening or coloring, or perhaps you can read a book to her! Put your plans on [this chart](#).*

Here are a few links to some fun Mother's Day treats that your family might want to make.

[Mother's Day Brunch Recipes](#)

[Nutella-Stuffed French Toast](#)