



Mom, Ma, Momma, Mother...

This month, we get to celebrate that one earthly person who is responsible for our existence...Mom. Whatever name you use to call that one person who could help to make things right or the name that your kids call you when they need you most, we want to take this month's newsletter and look at the lighter side of parenting, especially being a mom. Here are some funny quotes, anecdotes and thoughts on the most important job in the world.

Why Did God Make Mothers?

The following are different answers given by school-age children to the given questions:

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Think about it, it was the best way to get more people.
3. Mostly to clean the house.
4. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

1. Moms work at work and work at home, and dads just got to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power cause that's who you gotta ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

You Know You're Really a Mom When...

- You count the number of sprinkles on each kid's cupcake to make sure they are equal.
- You have time to shave only one leg at a time.
- You hide in the bathroom to be alone.
- You consider finger paint to be a controlled substance.
- You mastered the art of placing food on a plate without anything touching.
- You hire a baby sitter because you haven't been out with your husband in ages, then you spend half the night talking about and checking on the kids.
- You hope ketchup is a vegetable because it's the only one your child eats.
- You find yourself cutting your husband's sandwiches into unusual shapes.
- You obsess when your child clings to you upon parting during his first month at school, then you obsess when he skips in without looking back.
- You can't bear to give away baby clothes—it's so final.
- You hear your mother's voice coming out of your mouth when you say, "Not in your good clothes."

Proverbs 31:28

Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband [also,] and he praises her.



Real Mothers

Real Mothers don't eat quiche; they don't have time to make it.
Real Mothers know that their kitchen utensils are probably in the sandbox.
Real Mothers often have sticky floors, filthy ovens and happy kids.
Real Mothers know that dried play dough doesn't come out of carpet.
Real Mothers don't want to know what the vacuum just sucked up.
Real Mothers sometimes ask "why me?" and get their answer when little voices say, "because I love you best."
Real Mothers know that a child's growth is not measured by height or years or grade. It is marked by the progression of Mama to Mommy to Mom. — Unknown

Exodus 20:12

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving

I CAN FOLLOW JESUS

NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

WEEK 1

COME FOLLOW ME - Matthew 4:18-25

READ Matthew 4:18-25 This week in VickKids your child learns that “I Can Follow Jesus.” Today we learned that Peter and Andrew became fishers of men by choosing to follow Jesus. Use the following ideas to involve your child in family time and learning opportunities, reinforcing simple biblical themes.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Play a game of “Follow the Leader” with your child. Lead them in motions that will remind them of the story of Peter deciding to follow Jesus. Some examples would be fishing, dropping their net, following you, saying, “Come, follow Me.” You could also choose motions that would remind them of ways we can follow Jesus, for example, praying, singing, reading the Bible, etc.

Prayer Time - God, thank You for giving us the example of Peter and Andrew following Jesus. I am so glad they wanted to become fishers of men and follow You. Help us to follow You, too. In Jesus name, Amen!

WEEK 2

PETER WALKS ON WATER - Matthew 14:22-36

READ Matthew 14:22-36 This week in VickKids, we are learning that “I Can Follow Jesus”. Today we learned Jesus and Peter walked on water. Use the following ideas to involve your child in family time and learning opportunities, reinforcing simple biblical themes.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Take the time during this week to read Matthew 14:22-36 with your child. Focus on the portion of the story where the men were afraid of the storm. Talk about Peter’s fear when he begins to sink in the water. Ask your child to share times when he or she has been afraid. Share times when you have been afraid and the Lord helped you and calmed your fears. Remind your child that God is with us at all times, and He can calm our fears.

Prayer Time - God, thank You for giving us the example of Peter following Jesus. Thank You for teaching us to pray. Help us to trust You. In Jesus name, Amen!

WEEK 3

PETER HEALS THE LAME MAN - Acts of the Apostles 3:1-11

READ Acts 3:1-11 This week in VickKids, we are learning more about Peter. Today we learned Peter healed a man who could not walk. Use the following ideas to involve your child in family time and learning opportunities, reinforcing simple biblical themes.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Peter and John took time to stop and talk with the man sitting at the temple gate. The man was lame and spent his days outside the temple asking for money. When he asked Peter and John for money, they gave him something even better! They gave him the ability to walk. Take time as a family to discuss the importance of helping others. Helping others takes time and is sometimes inconvenient, but helping others is clearly one way that we can follow Jesus. Make a point to help one person this week with your child, whether it is a neighbor, a friend, or a family member.

Prayer Time - God, thank You for giving us the example of Peter following Jesus. Help us follow Jesus through prayer and helping others. Help us to praise You always. We love You. In Jesus name, Amen!

WEEK 4

PETER IS RESCUED FROM JAIL - Acts of the Apostles 12:1-19

READ Acts 12:1-19 Today we learned God sent an angel to rescue Peter from jail. Use the following ideas to involve your child in family time and learning opportunities, reinforcing simple biblical themes.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Plan to have a special dessert one night this week. You may want to pick up some party hats as well. Tell your child that you are going to have a time of rejoicing tonight. Share different things you can praise the Lord for (salvation, friends, church, school, house, family, health, etc.). Remind your child that when Peter joined his friends after he was rescued from jail, they rejoiced together.

Prayer Time - God, thank You for giving us the example of Peter following Jesus. Help us to pray for others and to rejoice in the Lord always. We love You. In Jesus name, Amen!

LESSONS FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

ELEMENTARY

WE ARE THE CHURCH - 1 Corinthians 3:16

WEEK 1

READ 1 Corinthians 3:16 This week in VicKids your student learns that “We Are The Church.” Today we learned that the “Church” is not just a building or place we come together to worship God, but that the “Church” is really the **PEOPLE** who make up the Body of Christ. This month we will learn from the book of Acts of the Apostles and talk about how the church began and how different people did their part to help it grow!

EXPLORE TOGETHER The word “temple” in scripture is used to describe the place where people would worship God. Now the Apostle Paul is telling the early church people that they can worship God not just within the walls of a building, but because Jesus lives inside of us. We can worship Him anywhere and anytime! Before Jesus came, the “church/temple” was the only place people could go to learn about God. Now that Jesus lives inside of all of us, we can share with others about His Good News through our actions and words. Take time this week to talk with your student about this and how they can be a reflection of the “church” and Jesus in their daily life.

Pray - Take time as a family this week to thank God for the gift of the Church. Thank Him placing you and your family in a church that loves others and chooses to spread the message of Jesus outside the walls of the building! In Jesus name, Amen!

THE CHURCH STANDS TOGETHER - Acts of the Apostles 4:1-31

WEEK 2

READ Acts of the Apostles 4:1-31 This week in VicKids your student learns that “The Church Stands Together.” Today we learned about how the power of the Holy Spirit helped Peter and John stand boldly before angry religious leaders and proclaim the power and miraculous healing of the lame man. This led to all the people coming together to praise God for what He was doing in their midst.

EXPLORE TOGETHER One of the words we use as Christians for spending time together is “fellowship”. It comes from the Greek word *koinonia*. But that doesn’t quite hit the mark. True *koinonia* is being united with one purpose in mind and working together as one unit to support that purpose. It’s agreement and harmony. Talk with your student this week about “*koinonia*.” Ask them how they saw the early Christians come together with one purpose in mind to show others what God was doing in their community. What do they see now in our church that tells them God and His people are at work? What part does your family play in that? Talk about that.

Pray - Thank you Jesus for giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit! Thank you for empowering us to work together as part of Your team, showing others what good things can happen when we follow you! In Jesus name, Amen!

THE CHURCH GROWS - Acts of the Apostles 10:1-48

WEEK 3

READ Acts of the Apostles 10:1-48 This week in VicKids your student learns that “The Church Grows.” Today we learned about how the power of the Holy Spirit helped Peter speak about the wonders and goodness of God to a soldier named Cornelius. Cornelius and his family loved God and gave generously to the poor. An angel spoke to him and told him to call for Peter to hear his message. Peter responded and overcame his Jewish tradition of not associating with “unclean” Gentiles, so he could preach the word of God. Because of Peter’s obedience, many people were saved and received the Holy Spirit.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Take time this week to talk with your student about the word “missionary.” A missionary is someone who is sent on a mission by God. Peter was sent to Cornelius on a mission. Paul was sent all over the known world on a mission. Ask your student - “why do we need missionaries?” How is a missionary who goes to another country to tell others about Jesus different from someone who stays in their country to tell others about Him?

Pray - Thank you Jesus for calling us to tell others about You! Give us the words to speak so that others will come to know you! In Jesus name, Amen!

THE CHURCH IS PERSECUTED - Acts of the Apostles 12:1-25

WEEK 4

READ Acts of the Apostles 12:1-25 This week in VicKids your student learns that “The Church is Persecuted.” Today we learned about the word persecution - that it means to be mistreated because of our belief in Jesus. While King Herod was in power, he wanted to stop all those who were spreading the Good News about Jesus, for fear it would take away from his power. God protected Peter on his mission and answered the prayers of the believers to set him free.

EXPLORE TOGETHER Take time this week to talk with your student about persecution. As a follower of Jesus, we should expect some form of persecution from the world. Ask your student if they have felt like they have received persecution for their faith. What did that feel like? How do their friends feel when they talk about Jesus? Share a time when you may have been persecuted for Jesus. What was that like for you and what did it do for your walk with God?

Pray - Thank you Jesus for giving us the gift of prayer as we lean in during times of persecution. You are our rock! In Jesus name, Amen!

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The Stages of Motherhood

- 4 Years Of Age – My Mommy can do anything
- 8 Years Of Age – My Mom knows a lot! A whole lot
- 12 Years Of Age – My Mother doesn't really know quite everything.
- 14 Years Of Age – Naturally, Mother doesn't know that, either
- 16 Years Of Age – Mother? She's hopelessly old-fashioned
- 18 Years Of Age – She's way out of date
- 25 Years Of Age – Well, she might know a little bit about it
- 35 Years Of Age – Before we decide, let's get Mom's opinion
- 45 Years Of Age – Wonder what Mom would have thought about it
- 65 Years Of Age – Wish I could talk it over with Mom

The 23rd Psalm Mom

My mom is my shepherd; I shall not want. She makes me lie down under cool, downy comforts. She watches me play beside still waters. She restores my soul.

She leads me in paths of respect, responsibility, and goodness, for I am her namesake!

Yea, even though I walk past monsters in the dark, I will not be scared, because my mom is always near me. Her hands and her voice, they comfort me.

Mama sets the table and cheerfully calls me to dinner even in front of big, mean bullies.

She anoints my skinned knees and broken heart with kisses. She smiles and throws me a towel when my cup runneth over.

Surely God's peace, power, and mercy shall uphold me all the days of my life, for my Mother taught me to dwell in the house of God forever.

Campus Calendar

Norcross

5/5 - Victory at Home - 5:45pm
Parent/Child Dedication Workshop

5/12 - Victory at Home - 10:30am
Parent/Child Dedication Celebration Service

Hamilton Mill

5/6 - Victory at Home - 1pm
Parent/Child Dedication Workshop

5/13 - Victory at Home – All Services
Parent/Child Dedication Celebration

5/24 – Seize The Summer Kick-off Party

Campus Service Times

NORCROSS - SAT 6 PM, SUN 9 & 11 AM, 1 PM

HAMILTON MILL - SUN 9 & 11 AM, 1 PM

MIDTOWN - SUN 9 & 11 AM

The Mystery of a Mom

"A mother understands what a child does not say." – Jewish Proverb

Spaces are filling up quickly. Don't miss out!

Family Camp - Aug 31, Sept 1-2, 2018

www.victoryfamilycamp.com

Minimum Age - 5 yrs old

Cost - \$149 per adult, \$99 per child - for a whole weekend!

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think." **Ephesians 3:20 NLT**

Additional Resources

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