



Mother's Day

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Additional Resources

PowerPoint presentation

Three feely bags - each bag containing one of the following items:

- A bag of flour
- A cauliflower
- Some flowers loosely tied together

Flower template sheet - optional

Mother's Day Flowers

Aim

- To consider ways we are thoughtful towards our mothers
- To learn that the Bible says, 'Honour your father and mother.'

Point to consider - Mother's Day can be a particularly sensitive time. Some children may not have a mother or a female caregiver, or the relationship with their mother may be complicated. You may wish to adapt the language of this assembly to reflect this, eg, the phrase 'adult who cares for you'.

Introduction

Introduce yourself and welcome pupils to assembly.

Slide 1 This Sunday will be Mother's Day. What kind of gifts are you planning on giving? Take a variety of responses. Flowers appear to be a popular choice of gift. I'm planning on giving flowers to my mother this Sunday too. They are in these bags. *Show the feely bags to the pupils.*

Ask for a volunteer to put their hand in each bag to feel and describe the flowers you have brought. Guide them in their responses; you may wish to be playful. Start with the bag of flour, then the cauliflower, then the flowers. As each item is revealed, ask the pupils - 'Do you think my Mum will like this gift?' Encourage the use of thumbs up and thumbs down.

Main Talk

I think we all agreed that the flowers are the gift my mother will appreciate the most. Why do you think she will appreciate this gift more? *Take a variety of responses.*

The flowers do appear to be the most thoughtful of gifts. Being thoughtful means that when you do or give something you are guided by what the other person would like; you are thinking of their likes and needs. The other gifts - the bag of flour and the cauliflower - do appear to be rather small and thoughtless.

Slide 2 However, let me tell you a little bit more about my mum. I could tell you that she loves to bake, and that when she bakes she uses a lot of flour. She is always running out of her favourite type of flour and her local shop doesn't always stock it, so it can be tricky to get. What do we think of this bag of flour as a gift for my mum now? *Show thumbs up and thumbs down. Take a response from a pupil.*

Slide 3 Now, imagine this cauliflower in the bag was one I grew by myself from a seed; that this is the first cauliflower that I have ever grown, and I grew it because I know that cauliflowers are my mum's favourite vegetable to eat - especially with a cheesy and creamy sauce! What do we think of this cauliflower as a gift now? *Show thumbs up and thumbs down. Take a response from a pupil.*



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If we do or give things that are thoughtful, we show how much we care and appreciate our mothers. Small gifts can be the best and most thoughtful of gifts.

Slide 4 Let's make a bouquet for a mother. Ask for a volunteer. Hold up one flower. What kind of things will we do on Sunday to show how much we appreciate our mothers? *Take a variety of responses.* This flower represents all these thoughtful things. *Give the flower to the volunteer.* What a thoughtful and caring day you have planned!

Let's think about the next day, the day after Mother's Day. How thoughtful will you be towards your mum? Put your hand up if - *basing your ideas on some of the pupil responses* - you will be tidying your bedroom, making cups of tea, playing with your family nicely, helping with the dishes... *Give another flower to the volunteer.*

Repeat a few times to represent the days following Mother's Day. Comment that fewer and fewer hands will be up each day, until there are too few hands to mean that a flower can be allocated.

How is our bouquet looking? Quite small, isn't it? For every day we remember to be thoughtful, we added a flower. It's lovely being thoughtful towards our mums on Sunday. But imagine if we were thoughtful every day - imagine how large we could make the flower bouquet!

Christian Perspective

Slide 5 The Bible says: '**Honour your father and mother.**' This means show respect - show thoughtfulness - towards the people who care for you. It doesn't say: 'Honour your father and mother... today only.' The Bible doesn't give a particular day to do it on; it just means for us to go and do it.

Challenge and Reflection

Slide 6 Take a moment to think about how you will be showing thoughtfulness towards your mother this Sunday. Mother's Day is a good day to start, but why wait until then! Why not start tomorrow, or even today when you get home from school. I wonder what you can do to make a large bouquet of thoughtfulness.

Slide 7 Take a moment and look at all the petals on this flower. For each petal, can you think of an act of thoughtfulness you could do, every day, to show your mother that you care?

Pause for short reflection time.

You may wish to leave copies of the flower template sheet with each class teacher.