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Welcome: Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:
Ask each GG member to share an unforgettable memory about their mother. What do they appreciate the most about their mother?

Worship: Adoring Our God

Suggested songs:

- I Need Thee Every Hour
- As the Deer

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will be grateful to God for the sacrifices made by their mothers.
2. GG members will develop independence from their mothers.
3. GG members will mature to become trustworthy people.

INTRODUCTION

Being a mother is a unique experience and a challenge. This is not something that we learn in school. Oftentimes, it is something we learn experientially through our own mothers. In our lesson, we will learn why we should thank God for the mothers He has given us, how we can take care of our mothers, and for those of you who are mothers, how you can accomplish the calling God has given you.

A mother's sacrifice (Luke 1:26-38)

1. What was the relationship between Joseph and Mary when the angel Gabriel came to her? What does it mean to be "betrothed"?
2. What are the implications of Mary getting pregnant while betrothed to Joseph? (cf. Deut. 22:23-24; John 8:41)
3. What was Mary's response to Gabriel's message despite these implications?
4. Why do you think mothers are willing to sacrifice themselves for their children?

APPLICATION

Children

1. What is one thing your mom did for you, even though it was hard, that you appreciate about her?
2. What about in school and Sunday School, is there someone there who is like a mom to you? Give an example of how that person is like a mom to you.

Youth

1. What are some of the most meaningful sacrifices your mom made for you that really stuck with you?
2. How can you tangibly show your mom your gratitude for all the sacrifices she's made for you?

Adults

1. What sacrifices did your mother do for you while you were growing up? Now that you are grown up, do they still make sacrifices for you?
2. If you are a parent, how can you reflect on your children the same attitude Mary had toward Jesus?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

A mother's humility (Luke 2:41-52; John 2:1-5)

1. What does Jesus' response reveal about Him when Joseph and Mary found Him in the temple?
2. Why do you think Mary went to Jesus when the wine ran out?
3. What does Mary's statement to the servants show about her regard for Jesus?
4. What are some changes that occur in the relationship between mother and children as the children mature?

APPLICATION

Children

1. Do you think you are given more responsibilities as you grow older? What are they? Are you able to do them?
2. What does your mother say about the tasks you do?

Youth

1. How has your relationship with your mom changed now that you are a teenager from the time you were still a kid? How has it grown?
2. What are some of the responsibilities you are being entrusted with more now from your mom? How has this been building your relationship with her?

Adults

1. How are you developing your independence from your mother? How do you treat your mother as you continue to become independent?
2. If you are a parent of maturing children, how are you gradually letting them grow in independence? What difficulties do you face in giving them independence?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

A mother's trust (John 19:25-27)

1. Why do you think Jesus said these words to Mary and John?
2. What does Mary going to John's home reveal about her?
3. What are some situations where mothers need to place their trust in their children?

APPLICATION

Children

1. Can you share a situation where your mom showed that she trusted you to do something?
2. What do you feel when trust is shown by your mom?

Youth

1. What are some of the moments when you felt that your mom really trusted you? How did those experiences make you feel?
2. How can you continue to show your mom that she can trust you?

Adults

1. How can you grow to become worthy of your mother's, or anybody else's, trust? What are some things your mother is trusting you with?
2. If you are a parent, what are some things that you depend upon your children? How did you come to that point of being dependent on them?

PRAYER ITEM

Spend some time individually thanking God for your mother. For those of you who are parents, ask God for wisdom and strength to raise up godly children according to His Word. Pray for other mothers, that they may reflect God's love and character to their children.



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