

Here are "Ten Things Mother's Say." Has your Mom ever said any of these?

"What if everyone jumped off a cliff ... Would you do it, too?"

"You're going to put your eye out with that thing!"

"How many times do I have to tell you ... Don't throw things in the house!"

"Close the door behind you. Were you born in a barn?"

"I don't care what "everyone" is doing. I care what you are doing!"

"I hope someday you have children just like you."

"Don't talk with your mouth full!"

"I'm not just talking to hear myself talk."

"I'm going to give you until the count of three."

And last but not least: "I LOVE YOU!"

Today, as we celebrate "Mother's Day," we thank God for Mothers who love us. That is not always an easy thing to do, but Moms do it. They love because we are their children. They love us even when we hurt them, ignore them, disobey them. They love us because they are Moms. Hannah wanted to be a mother, but couldn't have any children. She asked God to give her a child for years. Finally, God answered her prayer and Hannah became the mother of a boy named Samuel, which means **"I asked the Lord for him."** Hannah loved her son, took care of him, and watched over him. When Samuel was old enough, Hannah brought him to the Tabernacle and dedicated her son to the Lord and his service. But Hannah continued to love her son and brought a gift to him every time she went to the Tabernacle.

Today, we thank God for Moms who prayed for us before we were born, also cared for us after we were born, and who continue to love us. There is something very special about a mother's love. Christian Moms learn how to love from God. I John 4:7 (NLT) tells us, **"Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God."**

That brings us to a second reason to thank God for Moms ... the moms who tell us about God's love. Timothy was a young boy who learned about God's love for his mother and his grandmothers. In 2 Timothy 3:14-15 (NLT), the Apostle Paul told Timothy, **"But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus."**

Moms have been bringing their children to Jesus for a long time, even when some people object. Luke 18:15-16 tells us, **"People were also bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God**

belongs to such as these.” I thank God that my Mom brought me to Jesus, introduced me to Jesus, and told me how much Jesus loves me. And I thank God for all of the Moms who bring their children here to Peace, to introduce them to the Lord who loves them. Children are always welcome at Peace, welcome in God’s family.

We also thank God for Mothers who give us life. That is not always an easy decision. It wasn’t for Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was engaged to Joseph when the angel Gabriel told her that she was going to be the mother of the Promised Savior. It was a great honor, but also a great challenge. Mary placed her life on the line, her marriage on the line, her reputation on the line to give life to Jesus. And Mary said yes. Many Moms today have to make sacrifices to give lives to their children. Maybe they have to put their career on hold or risk their own personal health. Maybe they have to stand up to pressure from family, friends, or even the father of the child to choose life. Thank God for all the Moms who have chosen to give life.

But giving life is only the start. Moms have to make a number of sacrifices to care for their children. Moms look out for their children and try to anticipate their needs. Every time I read the account of Jesus feeding the 5,000 in the Gospel of John, I think about the one boy in the crowd who had a sack lunch with him. Andrew, one of Jesus’ disciples, told Jesus (John 6:9 NLT), **“There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish.”** Even though the Gospel account doesn’t tell us, I have to think that the boy’s mother didn’t let him leave the house that day until she packed him a sack lunch. We don’t have enough time to list all the ways that Mom care for their children, whether they are just a few hours old or in their sixties. Thank God for Moms who care for us.

We also thank God for Moms who honor God. This is important because we learn to honor God by following the example of others. Proverbs, collection of wisdom in the Old Testament, tells us this about women who honor God (Proverbs 31:30 NLT). **“Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised.”**

Finally, thank God for Moms who forgive us. I couldn’t begin to tell you how many times my mom forgave me. Sometimes Moms have to forgive kids who are trying to help. Watch this. [\(Blue Fish Video – Mom’s Little Helper\)](#)

Remember mom, your children are just like you. They are not perfected, but they are loved by the Lord. And they need God’s love and your love, too. Happy Mother’s Day!