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mother's day. A mother's day is:

**A DAY OF JOY.** The day of giving birth to a new life is a great day of joy and gladness. John 16:21 reminds us: "A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world." Mary, the mother of Jesus, experienced both great joy and great sorrow as she witnessed the mistreatment of her son.

**A DAY OF LOVE.** Godly mothers seek the welfare of their children before themselves. Proverbs 31:27 reminds us that "she watches over the ways of her household"—with love. A family is truly blessed when a mother wraps her children in the security of affection and care.

**A DAY OF INSTRUCTION.** Mothers are daily teachers of the next generation. Their examples, behaviors, values, and characteristics are instilled in the hearts and lives of their children. Mothers must be careful to teach their children the ways of the Lord.

**A DAY OF DEVOTION.** Samuel was given to the Lord by his mother, Hannah. Her devotion to the Lord prompted her to do this. Our children do not become Christians by accident. Mothers have a tremendous role in the faith of their children. If you are not devoted to the Lord, it is unlikely your children will be. Set a godly example for them daily. Your children will "rise up and call [you] blessed" if you do.

A faithful mother is a tremendous blessing to children and families. Happy Mother's Day to all of our faithful mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers with us today. And thank you to all of the wonderful mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us. By the examples they set, they live on in their faithful children.

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## Mothers



Faithful mothers have a tremendous opportunity to inspire faith in their children. Faithful mothers are praised by God for their godly service: "When I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also" (2 Timothy 1:5). Look at what Lois and Eunice did for Timothy in instructing him in the faith.

As we honor mothers today, think of some of the things that help fill a

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