

Mothering Sunday 2008

Today is the day when we thank our Mummies for all they do for us. What are some of the things you want to thank your Mummy for? I have thought of some pictures that remind me of six reasons for thanking my Mummy.



Meals – they feed us

Organise – they organise us to be tidy

Train – they train us to do things for ourselves

Heart – they love us with all their heart

Educate – they help us to read and write

Rescue – when we get into trouble

So you can spell ‘Mother’ without letters. We can also thank our Mummies with every letter of the alphabet too!

Always bold, calmly dynamic

Ever-flowing, grace-hysterical

Increasing joy, kindly lavish

Majestic, novel, original, practiced

Quiet resounding silent tactful

Unyielding, valorous, wonderfully charismatic

Your zealous love for me

All the words of the alphabet we

Do need to say Happy mother’s day

So today we thank God for our Mummies and pray for them because God made us through our Mummies. We all have a Mummy, whether she lives near or far, whether she is with us or in heaven. God gave them the love they have for us, and the wisdom and the strength they need to look after us. Often it is our Mummies who lead us to God by their example, by bringing us to Sunday Clubs and by their prayers.

So today we want to thank God for our Mummies. Because all the best of what we learn from our Mummies comes from God.

Even more amazing – the Bible tells us God cares for us just like a mother. The Bible tells us so.

1. God Feeds us

“I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them.” (Hosea 11:4)

“People do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4)

2. God Guides us

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10:27)

3. God Disciplines us

“Endure hardship as discipline;
God is treating you as his children.
For what children are not disciplined by their
father?” (Hebrews 12:7)

4. God Loves us

“As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.”
(Isaiah 66:13)

“As the Father has loved me, so have
I loved you. Now remain in my love.” (John 15:19)

5. God Teaches us

“Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the
fear of the Lord.” (Psalm 34:11)

6. God Protects us

“how often I have longed to gather your children
together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings.”
(Luke 13:34)

“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no
one will snatch them out of my hand.”
(John 10:28)

God feeds, guides, disciplines, loves, teaches and
protects us.

It is possible to have a mother and yet not know her –
either because we are an orphan or were adopted. But
we can still thank God for them.

In the same way although we were created by God we
may not yet know him as our loving Father. That is why
Jesus came. That is why we meet here every Sunday.
That is why we have our Sunday Clubs, Cherubs and
Champions.

To thank Jesus for coming to make it possible for us to
know God. And to get to know him and his will for our
lives better. There’s a verse in the Bible that sums up
how God feels about you.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and
only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish
but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into
the world to condemn the world, but to save the world
through him.” (John 3:16-17)

If you would like to become a child of God, you can say
this prayer with me as I close.

As you leave today, I invite you to pick up a copy of
today’s talk with the verses on it, so you can think more
about God’s plan for your life.