

Middle School Discussion Guide

A Gift From God: For the week of May 8 - 14, 2022

Read Opening Scriptures:

“As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.” (Isaiah 66:13 NIV)

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” (1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NIV)

God is telling us that a mother’s love is all of these things. Let’s think about these different characteristics...

- Patient: Does your mom have patience?
- Kind: Is your mom kind?
- Always protects: Does your mom always protect you?
- Always trusts: Does your mom trust you?
- Perseveres: Does your mom persevere through hard times?

A mom is all of these things, and more. But we know not all moms are perfect and some might show love in a way that is not reflective of God's love. There are a few things to remember when you have these moments with your mom:

#1: Moms are not flawless, but Jesus makes up for every part that they are flawed.

Remember your mom is not a perfect person and she will make mistakes. We all make mistakes as well. It’s because of sin in this world. That is why Jesus shows us how to love like he would. Because he lived and loved with no sin and no mistakes.

#2: A mom’s love is a gift from God.

Think about the fact God’s love is never ending, never fading, and there is nothing we can ever do for Him to stop loving us. Now, think about your mom’s love for you, it may not be close to God's love but, let's see them the way that God sees them.

Discussion Questions:

- What annoys you most about your mom?
- What is the coolest, or most fun thing, your mom does?
- How does it make you feel knowing how your mom loves you?
- Have you ever thought maybe she doesn’t love you this much? WHY?
- What are some things you can do to better understand your mom’s love?
- Name one thing that you can do this week to show how much you love your mom.