

Home Group Leader's Notes

Week of May 8, 2022

Mother's Day

The focus of this week's study and discussion is how the beauty and kindness of a good mom is an expression of the character of God.

YOUR THOUGHTS

Moms are wonderful. Those who have known a good mom know that they should be celebrated! What comes to mind when you think of a good mom? What is true of her character? Her actions and ways?

MOM WAS CREATED BY A GREAT GOD

Throughout the Bible, we see that everything good about people flows from God. Knowing the truth about God's character is essential to knowing, loving, and following Him. Last week, we looked at "gentleness" and discovered that Jesus is our perfect example. This week, we will look into the character of God and learn how His traits are reflected in a 'good mom.'

What do you notice about God's creation of 'woman' as you read Genesis 1:27; 2:18-25?

- Woman was a companion
- Woman was a helper (see below)
- Woman was an expression of God's love and compassion

What do we learn about God as a "Helper" (the same Hebrew word) in the following passages? All of these point to God as "helper." The expressions are strength, provision, one who comes alongside, protection, etc.

Psalm 10:14

Psalm 30:10

Psalm 54:4

And in the New Testament ...

John 14:16-17

Hebrews 13:6

Throughout Scripture, God is referred to in masculine terms (e.g., Father, King). But being our Creator God, He has all the positive characteristics of a good mom. What motherly traits do you see in God in the following Scriptures?

Hosea 11:3-4

Nurturing, feeding, teaching them to walk, etc.

Isaiah 49:15

God's compassion is compared to that of a nursing mom

Isaiah 66:13

How does God describe Himself in Exodus 34:6-7? (List his character traits below)

- compassionate
- gracious
- Slow to anger
- Faithfulness
- Abounding love
- forgiving
- just

How do moms reflect the character of God?

This is the main point.

DISCUSS TOGETHER

Have you ever thought about God as having the character of a good mom? What stood out to you as you read through Exodus 34: 6-7?

Basically, all of God's description of Himself is reflected in moms.

"Slow to anger" makes me think of a good mom. Moms tend to be patient, allowing the child space to learn, to fall down, and to make mistakes without condemnation.

What was Moses' response to God's revelation of Himself? What happens in you as you think about God's character?

When Moses heard God's description of Himself, he fell down and worshiped.

Shouldn't we do the same? God is so holy – surely there is none like Him.

What are ways that we can honor moms for the many ways that they enrich our lives?

This should be a good conversation. Moms don't need to be worshiped. But by honoring and thanking them, we are, in effect, honoring and worshiping the God who created them.

APPLY IT THIS WEEK

Since this is the week *after* Mother's Day, surprise a 'mom' person this week and express your love and appreciation.

Think about God's character and give Him praise throughout the week.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Express your love and honor for our Great and Amazing God of Love
- Please pray for the Elders as they serve and pray for us
- Please pray for Light and Power class who just love another friend
- Please pray for your Global Partners

May our Good God keep you encouraged and empowered,
Steve