

MOTHER'S WORDS

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Proverbs 31:1-9

Memory Verse

¹² Respect your father and your mother, and you will live a long time in the land I am giving you.

Exodus 20:12

CASEY'S DAY

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In 2020, the Coronavirus came and forced us to spend a lot of time with our families. It was hard. For a while, we could not see friends, classmates, or anyone else. Some of us who hated attending school began missing it because our mothers became our teachers. That meant she gave instructions on household chores, good behavior, *and* schoolwork. It felt like her voice even followed us into our dreams—same words, same instructions, all the time.

Proverbs 31 introduces a mother who also taught her son, King Lemuel, many lessons. No doubt she had to repeat them several times. He used her lessons throughout his reign as king. We can learn from Lemuel's example. Isaiah 58:1-11, Ephesians 5:18, and many more scripture verses, repeat the lessons taught in Lemuel's life and what we hear from our own moms.

What if we gave our mothers the gift of listening to and following scriptural advice for Mother's Day? It could be one of the best gifts ever. Great for Mom. Great for us. How? Exodus 20:12, "Honor your father and your

mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you," teaches an important principle—God honors those who honor their mother. What an amazing blessing.

Prayer

God, I want to honor my mother by obeying her godly instructions. Teach me to follow her wise words closely. Amen.

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