

# **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY RESOURCES**

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## **PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY VIDEO 8** **MOTHERING SUNDAY [4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT]**

### **ASSEMBLY NOTES**

#### **Why Do We Celebrate Mothers Day?**

It is thought that in the UK, Mother's Day originated from an old sixteenth century tradition in which people would visit their 'mother church' (the church they grew up in) on a particular Sunday each year. Owing to the fact that people didn't tend to move around a lot in those days, people visiting their 'mother church' would be highly likely to be worshipping alongside their own mothers, who had attended the same church for many years. As time moved on, a practice developed whereby young apprentices and women in domestic service were all allowed home each year on this weekend, which was the fourth Sunday in Lent. Those children who did not have a mum would have the day off to visit the church. Children as young as 10 would be in service in those days and often travelled far from home to live at their position of employment.

It was common practice that children would pick wild flowers on their way home to give to their mother. A Simnel cake was one of these presents. In the north of England, Fig Pies were the traditional present. On this weekend families could be reunited and spend time together. Over time, the Church recognized this as a special Sunday, and named it 'Mothering Sunday'. It was also expected by the Church that people would take time to remember Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Mother's Day is celebrated in most countries throughout the world. In many countries, Mother's Day has become commercialized with millions of pounds being spent on presents and cards. However, Mother's Day has very different and varied origins in other countries.

#### **MOTHERS ARE SPECIAL**

Mums do so much for each of us. They nurture us and teach us the important things of life. They provide for our physical, mental, and emotional needs. Mums wipe our tears, kiss us and are our biggest cheerleader.

Here is a list of the top ten things children around the world said they remembered and loved most about their mothers.

- Come into my bedroom at night, tuck me in and sing me a song. Also tell me stories about when they were little.
- Give me hugs and kisses and sit and talk with me privately.
- Spend quality time just with me, not with my brothers and sisters around.
- Give me nutritious food so I can grow up healthy.

- At dinner talk about what we could do together on the weekend.
- At night talk to me about anything; love, school, family etc.
- Let me play outside a lot.
- Cuddle under a blanket and watch our favourite TV show together.
- Discipline me. It makes me feel like you care.
- Left special messages in my desk or lunch bag.

**Make your mum feel special**

Here are ten things you could do to make your mum feel special on Mother’s Day.

- Buy her a card or make your mother a card – she’ll love it!
- Give her some chocolates.
- Buy her a bunch of flowers.
- Sit her down in front of the TV with her favourite DVD, a cup of tea and a biscuit.
- Tidy your room without being told.
- Hoover the living room but not while your mum is watching her favourite programme.
- Do the washing up but do it properly.
- Cook your mum a meal, even if it’s only beans on toast.
- Even better – make her breakfast in bed.
- Most importantly - tell her you love her.

**Mother's Day Poem**

<p>I'm number one, a very busy mum. I have so much to do looking after everyone. Jobs in the home Jobs outside People want me all the time But I take it in my stride. I'm number one - a very busy mum.</p>	<p>I'm number two, I'm waiting in the queue. I'm at the water well you see, then there are beans to stew. I'll walk two miles back With water on my head I make this journey twice each day I'd love a tap instead. I'm number two, I'm waiting in the queue.</p>
<p>I'm number three, I am you and me. I'm not a mum, I'm just the one she works for, you see. All over the world And just around the block In Africa and Europe too Our mums just don't stop. I'm number three, I am you and me.</p>	