

Who Is My Mother?

Mark 3:31–35

Reality #1

God gave mothers _____ and _____ roles

Reality #2

God's design for motherhood is being _____
and _____

Reality #3

The Savior of the world had a _____

Conclusion

“For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.” —Mark 3:35 ESV

Motherhood finds its finest expression in the will of God.

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS: Let the Lord's blessing be on mothers and grandmothers who desire to do God's will as they raise their children. May God hear the prayers of women who seek His face asking for the health, safety, and well being of their kids and grand kids. Please save them. Please bless moms who are going it alone—may you, oh God, bring others along side them who will support and invest in the lives of their sons and daughters. Lord God our Father, would you bless those who are new mommies, those who are in the midst of parenting, and those who hope for children in their future. Please encourage them. Holy Spirit, please give them confidence to live according to God's will in their homes. And Jesus, please grant hope for us all in the day of your return. Amen.

For Your Family

Preparation: Read Exodus 1:8-22 ahead of time.

Explain to your children how the new king over Egypt was scared of the Hebrews, because there were so many of them. Explain how he mistreated them, and then finally ordered all the boy babies to be killed soon after they were born by throwing them into the river. Tell your children how horrible that was. What could a new mother do if she had a boy?

Read together Exodus 2:1-10

Talk together about how brave Moses' mother was to put her son into a floating basket, rather than just throw him in the river, like the king had ordered.

Talk together about how brave Moses' sister was to keep watch on the basket, and to approach Pharaoh's daughter.

Talk together about how brave it was for Moses' mother to take care of the baby Moses, and then give him up to Pharaoh's daughter.

Talk together about how brave it was for Pharaoh's daughter to keep the Hebrew baby and raise him herself.

Talk together about how all this was God's plan to raise up a well trained leader for his people, the great man Moses.

It was God's plan, but He let many people play a part in it. Moses' mother and sister were heroes. Pharaoh's daughter was a hero. And then later, Moses would become a hero.

Talk together about how important our family and friends are to helping us follow God's plan for our lives. It took many people to make sure Moses would become the great leader he became. It takes many people to help us become what God wants us to be.

Pray together and thank God for the people He has placed in our lives.