

1. Watch chapter 8 from The Complete Learning System Worthy is the Lamb DVD.

2. Sing: Children's Songbook #207 "Mother, I Love You"

3. Read: John 19:26-27

"When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home."

4. The second Sunday in May is Mother's day. This is a day set apart to honor and celebrate our mothers.

"Honor is a simple word; it means to give special respect and pay tribute. As we think about what gift we can give our one's mother for Mother's Day remember these words President Monson taught, "What finer gift could [one's mother] receive than to know that a son or a daughter was honoring [her] by honoring God and living his commandments?"
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5. **How did the Savior honor his mother?** (Discuss ideas.)

6. Heavenly Father sent His children to earthly parents, whom He has entrusted to teach them the commandments. "Has your mother ... ever reminded you as you were leaving the house to 'remember who you are'? ... 'Remember that you are part of this family, with a reputation to uphold.' And, even more importantly, 'remember that you are a child of God and must act accordingly.'" *Susan W. Tanner General Conference, April 2007 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

Because mother loves us she teaches us to honor Heavenly Father by keeping the commandments.

7. **Who are we honoring when we keep the commandments that our mothers teach us?**
(Discuss ideas. Emphasize that we are honoring both Heavenly Father and our mothers.)

8. "May each of us treasure this truth: One cannot forget mother and remember God. One cannot remember mother and forget God. Why? Because these two sacred persons, God and mother, partners in creation, in love, in sacrifice, in service, are as one." *Thomas S. Monson, Ensign, Apr 1998 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

9. **Should Mother's Day be the only day we honor our mothers?** (No. It is a commandment to honor our mothers everyday. "Honour thy father and thy mother:.." [Exo. 20:12])

10. The Proclamation on the Family teaches that "mothers are primarily responsible for the nurturing of their children." **What does it mean to nurture?** (Discuss ideas.)

11. "Nurturing refers to parenting behaviors such as warmth, support, bonding, attachment, recognizing each child's unique abilities, and attending to children's needs. ... A mother's nurturing love arouses in children, from their earliest days on earth, an awakening of the memories of love and goodness they experienced in their premortal existence. Because our mothers love us, we learn, or more accurately remember, that God also loves us." *M. Russell Ballard, Ensign, Mar 2006 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

12. Quote: "If one dishonors the commandments of God, one dishonors mother, and if one dishonors mother, one dishonors the commandments of God." *Russell M. Nelson, Ensign, May 1999 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*