**MOTHERS DAY LESSON [www.wrightideaswithsusan.com](http://www.wrightideaswithsusan.com)**

Part 1: Object lesson <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6W-i948n18>

Part 2: Writing a Mother’s Day letter <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSthyNo8iWs&t=13s>

Part 3: Mother’s Day Easy Card <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oq3bbyuV-24>

Materials needed:

Chart - (download from website) <https://www.wrightideaswithsusan.com/products>

Examples of cards/letters from own kids

Example letters of previous students

Nice stationary/envelops – enough for each students plus 5 extra sheets (just in case)

Small bags to keep the letter/card a secret

Scrap paper to write draft letter

(To do this lesson well, it can take up to 45 minutes. It you don’t do a draft, it can be done quicker).

\*For simple card option: coloured paper, patty pans, crayons, markers, stickers, buttons, etc

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Intro: Today we are going to have a look at some special words. I will need help from you to define what these words mean. When showing words, question kids to help you define them. Show only the word, keep definition covered and reveal as discussed.

1. First word: **ENCOURAGE**

 “to give courage and confidence”

1. Second word: **HONOUR**

 “to give special praise, attention or respect”

1. Third word: **RESPECT**

 “to have good opinion of someones character or ideas.”

To show respect – “you do not do things that they would not like, or would consider wrong.” (give example)

1. Next words – **HAPPY LIFE**

 Hands up if you would like to have a happy life? (yes, I think we all do) Did you know that the Bible talks a lot about how to have a happy life. Today I’m going to share with you a verse from the Bible and it says…. (you or child reads)

“Children – Do what your parents tell you. **HONOUR** your father and mother and you will live a long and **HAPPY LIFE**.” Ephesians 6:1-3

 Wow, that sounds like a pretty good promise from God. Why do you think God would want us to obey our parents and honour them? (listen and discuss their thoughts and ideas)

Today we are going to have a chance to honour someone very special. Who do you think that may be? (MUM) Yes, in fact we are going to do this thru using….

1. **KIND WORDS**. The Bible tells us that “Kind words are like honey, they cheer you up and make you feel strong.” Proverbs 16:24

Since Mothers day is this weekend, I would like to tell you what has meant so much to me as a mum on mothers day. I love the pressies, but what I love even more is the beautiful and special cards that my kids give me on mothers day. I have kept everyone and have 2 drawers full now. The thing I love most about these cards is not just the wonderful drawings but the beautiful words and thoughts that my kids have written in them to me. Let me share some of them with you. (show/read some)

Activity - So today I have bought some very special stationary for each of you to write a letter to encourage your mum on mothers day. (hold up stationary) Let me share a few of them with you. (\*read) The thing that I liked most about these letters, were that the kids not only wrote about all the things their mothers do for them, but what qualities they love about their mum…loving, caring, giving, always there helping, encouraging, etc. They also remembered to thank mum for the many things she does for them everyday. I love how some used descriptive words that give you a picture….smile shines like the sun or your hugs are like a warm and cosy blanket or you’re beautiful inside and out.

Draft letter- In order to do a really good job, I would like to give you some scrap paper or take a sheet out of your notebooks and do a draft letter. When you think you are ready to do the real letter, raise your hand and I will give you the stationary. Please use your best handwriting for this. It is a letter that would be one that your mum will keep forever, so do a really good job of it. This is not an activity to do with your neighbour, so go somewhere quiet in the room and make the most of this time.

Final activity – When the kids have finished their letter and put in envelop and then in a paper bag to keep it secret. Make sure they put in their backpacks or by the door as they leave the room. Remind them to give them on mothers day morning, perhaps along with a cuppa or breaky in bed, get a flower from the garden too. ‘I can’t wait to hear about how your letters encourage and cheer your mum on mothers day.’ - Remember, Kind words are like honey, they cheer you up and make you feel strong.

\*for ideas for making a simple card view this clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oq3bbyuV-24>

Examples of letters by 10-13 year olds:

Dear Mum,

I just wanted to thank you heaps, because you have always been there for me. Also you are the most supportive, loving and caring person I have ever met and ever will. That makes you the most wonderful mum in the universe. You are the most beautiful person ever!!! Oh and by the way Happy Mothers Day. I love you.

Dear Mum,

Happy Mothers Day. I love you so much. You mean so much to me. Thanks for always being there for me when I need you. If you were a flower and there were millions more, I would pick you because you stand out. You always do an awesome job of being a mum. I’m so glad you mine because:

* + You make me smile
	+ You’re so pretty
	+ You look after me
	+ You’re way more than a rainbow and better than the sun and that’s because you’re the best mum in the world.

I love you!

(this student’s mum had been battling cancer at the time of this lesson, sadly the mother passed away later in the year – I was so glad that we did this activity and this letter had been written and given for mothers day)

Dear Mum,

Thank you for being you. I love you so much and want to thank you. Thank you for being there for me when I need you and for putting your time and effort into being a mum. I think you are a very special person and I’m glad you are my mother. I think you are beautiful on the inside and out. I know that things are tough right now but I just wanted to say you are still being a great mum.

Happy Mothers Day.

I love you heaps