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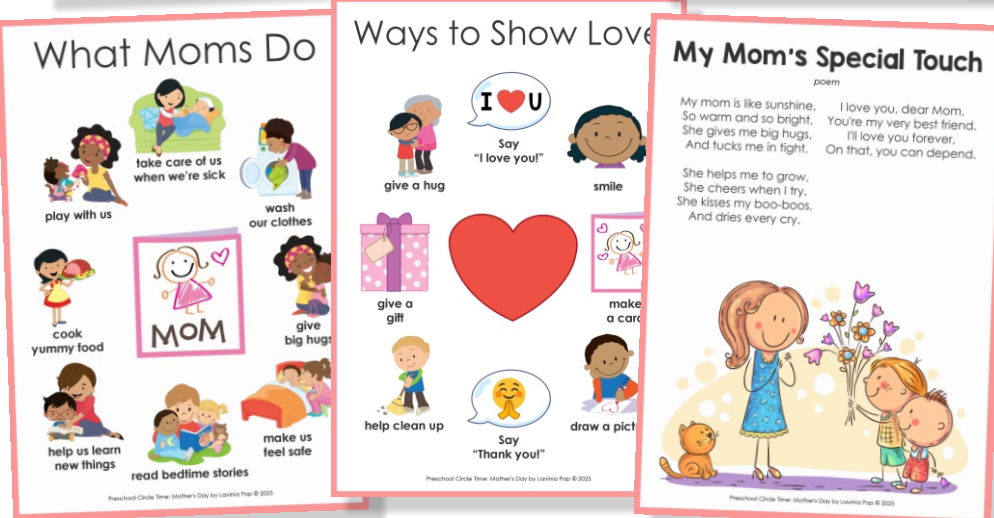
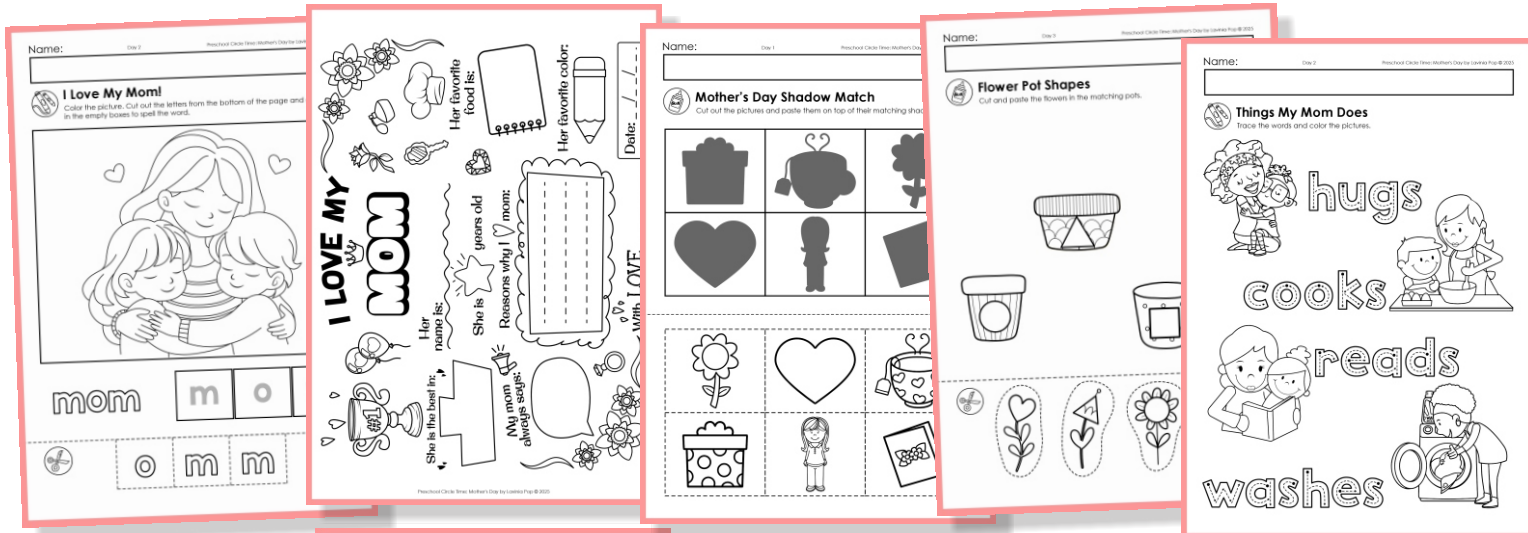


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## PRESCHOOL CIRCLE TIME

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# Introduction

This week's preschool circle time plan is all about celebrating Mother's Day—a time for children to recognize and appreciate the love, care, and special moments they share with their moms (or mother figures). Throughout the week, children will engage in stories, discussions, and hands-on crafts that help them reflect on what makes their mom special and how they can show love in return.

Each day includes purposeful, age-appropriate activities that build toward a special celebration at the end of the week. On Day 5, children will recite a poem they have learned and practiced, using simple hand movements. Teachers are encouraged to organize a short and meaningful Mother's Day celebration where children can present their poem, share their handmade gifts, and enjoy a joyful moment with their families.

## What's Included:

### 1. Detailed Circle Time plans

Each day of the week is planned with a structured circle time agenda that includes:

- *Introduction:* A brief and captivating introduction to the daily theme, setting the stage for the day's activities.
- *Song:* A fun and educational song related to the daily theme, designed to engage children and reinforce learning through music and movement.
- *Read aloud and discussion:* A carefully selected picture book paired with thought-provoking discussion questions to enhance comprehension and encourage interaction.
- *Activities:* Creative and hands-on activities that complement the day's theme, fostering gross and fine motor skills, creativity, and critical thinking.

### 2. Posters and props

Enhance Circle Time with visual and tactile aids:

- *Posters:* Vibrant posters featuring the lyrics and illustrations for each daily song, making it easy for children to follow along and participate. The product also includes non-fiction posters, providing educational content alongside the fun.
- *Props:* Printable props related to each song and theme help bring the songs and stories to life and engage children in interactive play.

### 3. Printables for all activities:

Not all days include activities that require printables. However, optional printables are included for each day if you would like to use them. They include:

- Group activity printables
- Worksheets
- Craft templates

## Why You'll Love This Resource:

- **Comprehensive and convenient learning:** A complete week of themed learning activities and resources in one packet.
- **Easy to use:** Detailed plans, printables, and props make it straightforward to create a dynamic and engaging circle time experience.
- **Educational and entertaining:** Each component is designed to be both educational and fun, keeping children excited and involved.

Happy Teaching :)



# Mother's Day

	Objective	Read Aloud	Activity
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>What is Mother's Day?</b> Children will learn about Mother's Day, its meaning, and how we celebrate it. They will understand that Mother's Day is a special time to appreciate and show love to mothers.	<b>Book:</b> "The Night Before Mother's Day" by Natasha Wing <b>Discussion:</b> What the family did to surprise their mom, and ideas the children had to make their own moms feel special.	<b>Plant Sorting Activity</b> Children sort pictures into Plants or Not Plants.  <b>Materials:</b> Plant or Not a Plant printables (5 pages).
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>What Does a Mom Do?</b> Children will explore the many things moms do and the love they show to their children.	<b>Book:</b> "Llama Llama Loves His Mama" by Anna Dewdney <b>Discussion:</b> What Llama Llama's mama did for him, and ways children's own moms take care of them.	<b>Seed Planting</b> Children plant seeds in cups, water them, and place them by a sunny window. <b>Materials:</b> Small cups, potting soil, seeds, scoops, watering cans.
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>A Gift for Mom</b> Children will create a special gift to give to their moms for Mother's Day.	<b>Book:</b> "The Best Mother" by C.M. Surrisi and Diane Goode <b>Discussion:</b> What Maxine learned about her mom, and what makes children's own moms the best.	<b>Plant Parts Craft</b> Children create a plant collage with parts like roots, stems, leaves, and flowers. <b>Materials:</b> Plant Parts printables, construction paper, cupcake liners, yarn, cotton wool, glitter.
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Mother's Day Songs and Poems</b> Children will learn a special song or poem to share with their moms on Mother's Day.	<b>Book:</b> "What Not to Give Your Mom on Mother's Day" by Martha Simpson <b>Discussion:</b> What silly gifts the characters chose, and better gift ideas the children suggest.	<b>Garden Tools Dramatic Play</b> Children make handprint and footprint flowers in a vase or flower pot to give their moms for Mother's Day. <b>Materials:</b> ??
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>M o t h e r ' s D a y Celebration</b> Children will celebrate their moms with a performance and gift giving.	<b>NO READ ALOUD TODAY</b>	<b>NO ACTIVITY TODAY</b>

# Mother's Day

## Day 1: What is Mother's Day?

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## Introduction

"Today, we're going to talk about Mother's Day! Can anyone tell me what makes Mother's Day so special? That's right, it's a day to show our love to our moms! What are some ways we can make our moms feel special on this day? Let's learn about why Mother's Day is so important and how we can celebrate it!"

## Song

"My Mom's Special Touch" poem

**Actions:**

**Lines 1&2:** Open arms wide like sunshine, smile big.

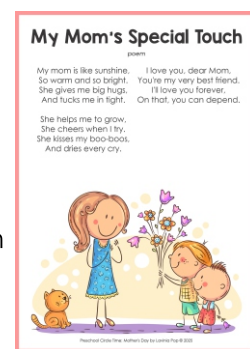
**Lines 3&4:** Cross arms over chest like a hug, then pretend to tuck a blanket under your chin.

**Lines 5&6:** Start low and slowly reach up like a flower growing; then raise fists and say "yay!"

**Lines 7&8:** Tap finger gently on a pretend spot for boo-boo, then wipe pretend tears from face.

**Lines 9&10:** Make a heart with hands, then point to self and out.

**Lines 11&12:** Stretch arms out wide, then cross fingers like a promise.

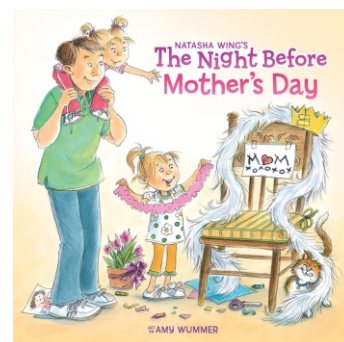


## Read Aloud & Discussion

**Book:** "The Night Before Mother's Day" by Natasha Wing

**Before Reading:** "What do you think would make your mom feel special on Mother's Day? Today, we're going to read a story about a family getting ready to surprise their mom. Let's see what fun ideas they have!"

**After Reading:** "Wasn't that a fun story? What are some of the things the family did to get ready for Mother's Day? Do you think you would want to do the same things for your mom? What was your favorite part of the story? How do you think we can make our moms feel special on Mother's Day? Let's think about what we can do to show them how much we love them!"



## Activity

### Mother's Day Suncatcher Card - Part 1

**Materials:** I Love You to Pieces card template printed onto cardstock, laminator and pouches, tissue paper and/or cellophane, scissors, single hole punch, ribbon, clear tape, crayons or markers.

**Activity:** Give each child a folded cardstock template. Show how to cut out the large heart carefully and help as needed. Have children fill a laminating pouch with tissue paper or cellophane. Laminate and cool under a heavy book. Punch a hole at the top and tie a ribbon through. Cut a piece of the laminated sheet large enough to cover the heart opening. Lightly tape the suncatcher behind the heart so it can be removed later. Children decorate the front of their card with crayons, stickers, or foam shapes. Encourage them to use their mom's favorite colors or draw small hearts and flowers.

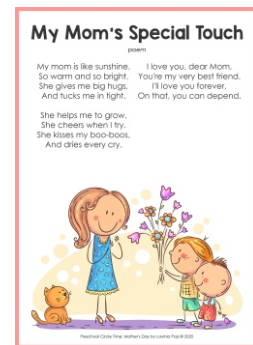


# Mother's Day

## Circle Time Poem Posters

This section includes all poem posters.

- My Mom's Special Touch
  - complete song poster
  - verse song poster





# My Mom's Special Touch

*poem*

My mom is like sunshine,  
So warm and so bright.  
She gives me big hugs,  
And tucks me in tight.

I love you, dear Mom,  
You're my very best friend.  
I'll love you forever,  
On that, you can depend.

She helps me to grow,  
She cheers when I try.  
She kisses my boo-boos,  
And dries every cry.



# Mother's Day

## Classroom Posters

This section includes posters you might like to display in your classroom.

- What Moms Do
- Ways to Show Love



# What Moms Do



**play with us**



**take care of us  
when we're sick**



**wash  
our clothes**



**cook  
yummy food**



**give  
big hugs**



**help us learn  
new things**



**read bedtime stories**



**make us  
feel safe**



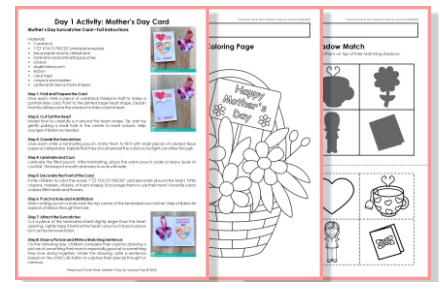
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## Activities & Worksheets

This section includes all the necessary lesson printables, along with some additional activities and worksheets. You can use these pages as outlined in the lesson plan or on different days, depending on your needs.

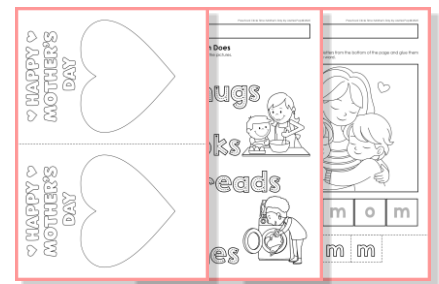
### Day 1: What is Mother's Day?

- **Lesson Activity:** Mother's Day Suncatcher Card Part 1
- *Additional Activity:* Mother's Day Coloring Page
- *Additional Activity:* Mother's Day Shadow Match



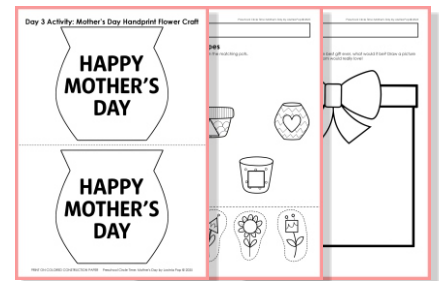
### Day 2: What Does a Mom Do?

- **Lesson Activity:** Mother's Day Suncatcher Card Part 2
- *Additional Activity:* Things My Mom Does Coloring
- *Additional Activity:* I Love My Mom Coloring



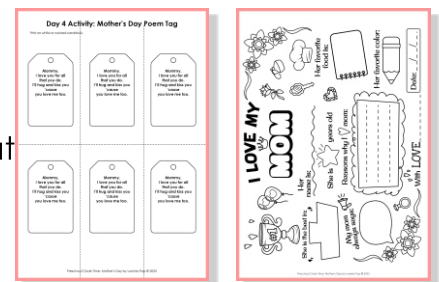
### Day 3: A Gift for Mom

- **Lesson Activity:** Mother's Day Handprint Flower Craft
- *Additional Activity:* Flower Pot Shapes Cut and Paste
- *Additional Activity:* A Gift for Mom Drawing



### Day 4: Mother's Day Songs and Poems

- **Lesson Activity:** Mother's Day Poem Tag
- *Additional Activity:* I Love My Mom (facts about mom that teachers write and children color)



### Day 5: Mother's Day Celebration

# Day 1 Activity: Mother's Day Card

## Mother's Day Suncatcher Card – Full Instructions

Materials:

- Cardstock
- "I ♥ YOU TO PIECES" printable template
- tissue paper and/or cellophane
- laminator and laminating pouches
- scissors
- single hole punch
- ribbon
- clear tape
- crayons and markers
- optional stickers or foam shapes

### Step 1: Fold and Prepare the Card

Give each child a piece of cardstock folded in half to make a portrait-style card. Point to the printed large heart shape. Explain that this will become the window for their colorful heart.

### Step 2: Cut Out the Heart

Model how to carefully cut around the heart shape. Tip: start by gently poking a small hole in the center to insert scissors. Help younger children as needed.

### Step 3: Create the Suncatcher

Give each child a laminating pouch. Invite them to fill it with small pieces of colored tissue paper or cellophane. Explain that they should spread the colors out so light can shine through.

### Step 4: Laminate and Cool

Laminate the filled pouch. After laminating, place the warm pouch under a heavy book to cool flat. This keeps it smooth and easy to work with later.

### Step 5: Decorate the Front of the Card

Invite children to color the words "I ♥ YOU TO PIECES" and decorate around the heart. Offer crayons, markers, stickers, or foam shapes. Encourage them to use their mom's favorite colors or draw little hearts and flowers.

### Step 6: Punch a Hole and Add Ribbon

After cooling, punch a hole near the top center of the laminated suncatcher. Help children tie a piece of ribbon through the hole.

### Step 7: Attach the Suncatcher

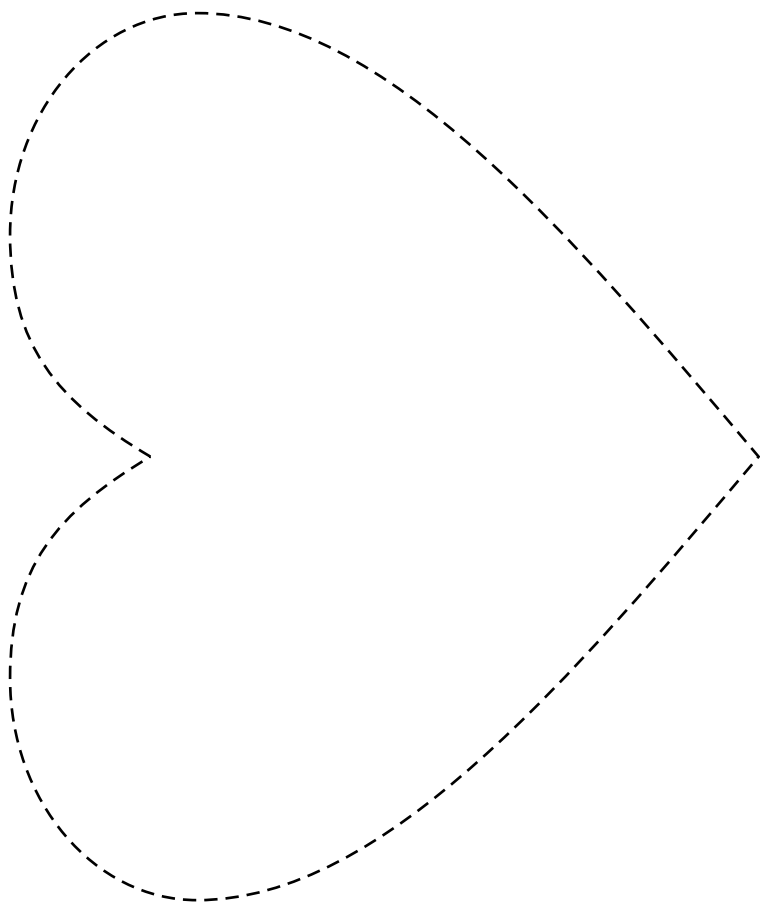
Cut a piece of the laminated sheet slightly larger than the heart opening. Lightly tape it behind the heart cutout so it stays in place but can be removed later.

### Step 8: Draw a Picture and Write a Matching Sentence

On the following day, children complete their card by drawing a picture of something their mom is especially good at or something they love doing together. Under the drawing, write a sentence based on the child's dictation to capture their special thought or memory.



YOU



TO PIECES



Name:

Day 2

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## Things My Mom Does

Trace the words and color the pictures.



hugs



cooks



reads



washes