Slide 3. A mother is your First, Best, and Forever Friend

Slide 4. [Pro 31:1, 10-14, 27, 30 KJV] 1 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him. ... 10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price [is] far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. 12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Slide 5. 13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. 14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. ... 25 Strength and honour [are] her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. 26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue [is] the law of kindness. 27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband [also], and he praiseth her. 29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. 30 Favour [is] deceitful, and beauty [is] vain: [but] a woman [that] feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Jewish legend says King Lemuel is king Solomon and his mother is Bathsheba.

Slide 6. Trust in Moms is so Critical. This trust comes from God.

Slide 7. Best Mom in the World.

Greg Laurie: (he was presenting thoughts of honoring mothers and letting them know they are appreciated. A few years before our son Christopher went to Heaven, he wrote this in a Mother's Day card to Cathe: "Dear Mom, you've always helped me and encouraged me more than you know. I know that I always tell you how much I love you and how beautiful you are. What I want you to know is how beautiful I think you are on the inside.

Jonathan wrote a card to Cathe that said, "Happy Mother's Day. I love you, Mom. Thank you for the many ways you bless, and continue to bless, me and my family as well as those around you. You have impacted many, but none as deeply as Christopher and me. The way you have run your race and lived your life has been with great character and endurance. I pray I continue after your example as well. Love you always, Jonathan."

Godly Mothers of faith from the Bible.

Eve was the first mother and all of us descended from her.

Slide 9. [Gen 3:20 KJV] 20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

[Gen 3:4-7 KJV] 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband

with her; and he did eat. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they [were] naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Slide 10. First mother to suffer the loss of a son.

[Gen 4:8 KJV] 8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

Sara

Slide 11. [Heb 11:11 KJV] 11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

Messed up along the way. She tried to bring the promise through Hagar but Ismael was not it.

[Gen 16:3 KJV] 3 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

Believed God could deliver his promise when she was 90 and Abraham was 100.

Naomi – Widow, Lost two Sons, Guided Ruth

Slide 12. [Rth 1:16 KJV] 16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, [or] to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people [shall be] my people, and thy God my God:

[Rth 3:1 KJV] 1 Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?

A role model for Ruth

Helped Ruth land Boaz and Ruth was the grandmother of King David.

Hannah

Barron and persecuted but she prayed for a son and then gave him back to the Lord. The Lord gave her three more sons and two daughters.

Slide 13. [1Sa 1:20-22 KJV] 20 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, [saying], Because I have asked him of the LORD. 21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. 22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, [I will not go up] until the child

be weaned, and [then] I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever.

[1Sa 2:21 KJV] 21 And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

Widow of Zarephath

Slide 14. [1Ki 17:9-13, 24 NLT] 9 "Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. I have instructed a widow there to feed you." 10 So he went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the gates of the village, he saw a widow gathering sticks, and he asked her, "Would you please bring me a little water in a cup?" 11 As she was going to get it, he called to her, "Bring me a bite of bread, too." 12 But she said, "I swear by the LORD your God that I don't have a single piece of bread in the house. And I have only a handful of flour left in the jar and a little cooking oil in the bottom of the jug. I was just gathering a few sticks to cook this last meal, and then my son and I will die." 13 But Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid! Go ahead and do just what you've said, but make a little bread for me first. Then use what's left to prepare a meal for yourself and your son. 14 For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: There will always be flour and olive oil left in your containers until the time when the LORD sends rain and the crops grow again!" ...

[1Ki 17:17-18, 20-24 KJV] 17 And it came to pass after these things, [that] the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

Slide 15. 18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? ... 20 And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? 21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. 22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. 23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. 24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou [art] a man of God, [and] that the word of the LORD in thy mouth [is] truth.

Mary from Nazareth

Shepherd's visit

Slide 16. [Luk 1:38 KJV] 38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

The Day they Lost God's Son

Slide 17. [Luk 2:19 KJV] 19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered [them] in her heart.

Slide 17. [Luk 2:51 KJV] 51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

Slide 18. A Godly Mother

Virtuous (In love with Jesus) Full of Faith Helps her family succeed. Keeps her word

Knows the power of God

Takes God at his word and meditates on His word.