



# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Week 2 May 11, 2025

“Mother’s Day”

## OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank You for bringing us together today. Bless our time, guide our thoughts and help us grow closer together. We pray this in the powerful and matchless name of Jesus. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

### Proverbs 31:15-30 (NIV)

- <sup>15</sup> She gets up while it is still night;  
she provides food for her family  
and portions for her female servants.  
<sup>16</sup> She considers a field and buys it;  
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.  
<sup>17</sup> She sets about her work vigorously;  
her arms are strong for her tasks.  
<sup>18</sup> She sees that her trading is profitable,  
and her lamp does not go out at night.  
<sup>19</sup> In her hand she holds the distaff  
and grasps the spindle with her fingers.  
<sup>20</sup> She opens her arms to the poor  
and extends her hands to the needy.  
<sup>21</sup> When it snows, she has no fear for her  
household;  
for all of them are clothed in scarlet.  
<sup>22</sup> She makes coverings for her bed;  
she is clothed in fine linen and purple.  
<sup>23</sup> Her husband is respected at the city gate,  
where he takes his seat among the  
elders of the land.  
<sup>24</sup> She makes linen garments and sells them,  
and supplies the merchants with sashes.  
<sup>25</sup> She is clothed with strength and dignity;

- she can laugh at the days to come.  
<sup>26</sup> She speaks with wisdom,  
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.  
<sup>27</sup> She watches over the affairs of her  
household  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
<sup>28</sup> Her children arise and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her:  
<sup>29</sup> “Many women do noble things,  
but you surpass them all.”  
<sup>30</sup> Charm is deceptive, and beauty is  
fleeting;  
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be  
praised.

### 2 Kings 11:1-2 (NIV)

When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she proceeded to destroy the whole royal family. <sup>2</sup> But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram<sup>[a]</sup> and sister of Ahaziah, took Joash son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the royal princes, who were about to be murdered. She put him and his nurse in a bedroom to hide him from Athaliah; so he was not killed.

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## INTRODUCTION

Each Mother's day we honor and celebrate our moms. And no matter what generation you are from, being a mom can be difficult. Throughout scripture we see that there are no perfect moms and we also discover that there were some really bad moms. The Virgin Mary was the best mom in scripture, but even she misplaced her son Jesus when he was 12. So what lessons do we learn from scripture on this Mother's Day?

Being a mom is a really hard job and it requires grace. For those people who have a broken relationship with their mothers, you need to extend forgiveness to your mom, and your mom should extend forgiveness to you. And we don't have to be biological moms to carry out the role of a mom and have an impact on the life of a child. We are all called to be a Jehosheba for someone else.

## QUESTIONS

1. What is a characteristic of your mother that you always admired?
2. Do you think it was harder to be a mother in your mother's generation or today? Why?
3. Read Proverbs 31:15-30 (on page 1). Which of the qualities or activities this passage mentions, if any, have you experienced from a mother or mother figure? Are there any of them that you have been able to do for your own or someone else's children?
4. Being a mom is a really hard job and it requires grace. Do you - or have you - found it difficult to extend forgiveness to your mother? Did your mother have a hard time extending forgiveness to you?
5. Read 2 Kings 11:1-2 (on page 1). Jehosheba saves the life of her one-year-old nephew Joash and raises him for the first 6 years of his life. Because she poured her life into him, Joash goes on to be one of the greatest kings of Israel. Who have you been a Jehosheba for?

## FINAL APPLICATION

What can you do this week to bless your children or someone's else's children? How can this group help?