A Mother's Purse

THEME: Mother's Day

OBJECT: A large purse containing a coin purse, keys, tissues, candy/gum, small Bible



SCRIPTURE: Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. *Exodus 20:12 (NRSV)*

Have you hugged your mother today? Well, if you haven't already, make sure you do it before the day is over because this is a very special day. It is Mother's Day! I'm sure all of you already knew that.

Did you also know that the Bible has a lot to say about our mothers? Not all mothers love God, but those who do, the ones who try to teach their children about God, have a very special place in His heart. In fact, God made a promise to the children who love and honor their mother and father. The Bible says, *"Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you."* (Exodus 20:12 NRSV)

Does your mother carry a purse? Most mothers carry a big purse like the one I have with me today. Let's pretend that this is your mother's purse. You might be surprised at how many things that we find inside are related to God. Let's take a look! (*Pull out each item and talk about how it relates to what a Christian mother might teach a child.*)

Coin purse: A mother understands that God asks us to help those who are in need, so she always has some coins in her purse to share with the less fortunate.

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and will be repaid in full." Proverbs 19:17

Keys: Mothers hold the keys of knowledge, and her knowledge is endless! *"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." John 17:17*

Tissues: A mother will always be there for us in happy times and will never leave us when we may be sad. She teaches us that when we put our trust in God, sad times will always turn happy again. *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight." Proverbs* 3:5

Candy or gum: There is no one sweeter than a mom. Her voice can be the sweetest sound to our ears! *"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Psalm119:103*

Bible: A mother should always keep a Bible in her purse. It will serve as a reliable guide when helping her children to stay on the right path.

"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." Proverbs 22:6

Dear Father, we thank you for Godly mothers. We are thankful that they are always prepared to help their children and to lead them in the right path. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.