

May 12 | Sunday

Lessons for a Better Life: Use a Hearing Aid

Read [Matthew 4:1-9](#)



13 | Mon – Lessons from mom | Read [Proverbs 6:20-22](#)

Moms teach their children, everything from how to brush their teeth to manners and morals. In the Old Testament era of the patriarchs, women still had influence and as today's scripture points out, a mother's instruction was to be as respected and valued as a father's. What are some of the significant things your mother taught you?

14 | Tue – Moses' two mothers | Read [Exodus 2:1-10](#)

Moses' birth mother was a woman of great faith. She saw her son as a gift and trusted God to save him. In the few short years she was able to care for him, she gave him a spiritual heritage. Moses' adoptive mother also had a profound influence, providing him with an education that prepared him for leadership as a son of the Pharaoh. God used both mothers to equip Moses to become one of the greatest leaders the world has ever known. Do you have more than one 'mom' who had a positive influence on your life?

15 | Wed – Samuel's mom | Read [1 Samuel 1:1-28 and 2:18-21](#)

Hannah was unable to have children. Yet persistently, she went before the Lord and poured out her heart. When God granted her greatest desire by giving her a son, she gave him back to the Lord in service. Samuel grew up to become the spiritual leader of his nation, guiding his people through difficult times. What lessons do you think Samuel learned from his mother's life that influenced his own relationship with the Lord? See 2:1-10 for more insight.

16 | Thu – Ruth's mom | Read [Ruth 1:1-18, 2:10-12 and 3:11](#)

Children learn by example. Although Ruth's mother is not mentioned in scripture, it is possible that the qualities she exhibited became a part of Ruth's character. Two qualities stand out in Ruth's story: her kindness and her commitment. The difficulties of marrying into a family of a different nationality, adjusting to her new family and their customs were challenge enough but her response being childless and then losing her husband revealed the depth of her character. What did you learn from watching the women in your family as you grew up?

17 | Fri – James and John's mom | Read [Matthew 20:20-21, 24:55-56](#)

No mother is perfect. The mother of James and John was just as excited about Jesus coming into his kingdom as her sons were. So excited she pushed them to the front of the line and asked for royal positions for both. Did Jesus berate her ambitions for her boys? No, he saw her heart and knew that she really did love *him*. She later stood at the foot of Jesus' cross when most of his disciples had run away. What lessons do you think James and John learned from her example? Read Acts to see how these brothers helped change the world.

18 | Sat – Timothy's mom and grandmother | Read [2 Timothy 1:5 and 3:14-15](#)

Although Timothy's father was not Jewish, his mother and grandmother both loved God. Paul gives them credit for the faith he saw in Timothy. Some ways they invested in their son and grandson included teaching him the scriptures, starting when he was very little, and then daily living out what they believed. Did you have a mother or grandmother who taught you about Jesus? Or did you have a 'spiritual mom' who saw your potential and helped you grow?