



Psalm 115:14,15--May the LORD make you increase, both you and your children. May you be blessed by the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Exodus 20:12--Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

4 Ways Moms Show Their Love

1. By giving us **L**_____.

See Ruth 1:1-18.

>> We honor our moms because in many ways, moms give their _____ to give us _____.

2. By teaching us to **O**_____.

Ruth 2:11,12--Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

Ruth 2:20--"The LORD bless him!" Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. "He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead." She added, "That man is our close relative; he is one of our kinsman-redeemers."

Proverbs 31:30--Charm is deceptive, and beauty fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise...

Proverbs 31:28--Her children arise and call her blessed.

3. By making us feel **V**_____.

Ruth 1:16,17--But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me."

Ruth 3:16-18--When Ruth came to her mother-in-law, Naomi asked, "How did it go, my daughter?" Then she told her everything Boaz had done for her and added, "He gave me these six measures of barley, saying, 'Don't go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.'" Then Naomi said, "Wait, my daughter, until you find out what happens. For the man will not rest until the matter is settled today."

4. By **E**_____ us when we need it most.

Isaiah 40:28-31--Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 41:10--So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. Share something you appreciate most about your mom. Now, without fibbing, share something you appreciate most about your mother-in-law. Discuss the unique relationship Ruth had with Naomi as you read today's Scripture.
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. How do we best show honor to those we love the most? Make a list of the ways Ruth and Naomi showed that they valued each other.
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.