

Motherhood: With Strings Attached!

"A mother is a person who, seeing there are only 4 pieces of pie for 5 people, promptly announces she never did care for pie."

— Tenneva Jordan

"A mother's arms are more comforting than anyone else's."

— Diana, Princess of Wales

"A mother is not a person to lean on, but a person to make leaning unnecessary."

— Dorothy Canfield Fisher

"Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs... since the payment is pure love."

— Mildred B. Vermont

"If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?"

— Milton Berle

"One woman will brag about her children, while another complains about hers; they could probably swap children without swapping tunes"

— Anonymous

"Becoming a mother makes you the mother of all children. From now on each wounded, abandoned, frightened child is yours. You live in the suffering mothers of every race and creed and weep with them. You long to comfort all who are desolate."

— Charlotte Gray

"All mothers are working mothers."

— Unknown

String Along With A Mother's Sin

- **Genesis 3:20:** “And Adam called his wife's name **Eve**, because she was the mother of all living.”
- **Genesis 4:1:** “Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, “I have acquired a man from the LORD.”
- **2 Corinthians 11:3:** “But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”
- **1 Timothy 2:13:** “For Adam was formed first, then Eve.”

String Along With A Mother's Strength

Determining A Real Mother 1 Kings 3:16-28:

1) *There's no such thing as a perfect mother (v.16)*

Rebekah **Genesis 27:1-46**

"Mrs." Zebedee **Matthew 20:20-24**

Mary **Luke 2:41-50**

2) *Mothers need the help of fathers (v.17-18)*

"parents" **2 Corinthians 12:14**

"father and mother" **Ephesians 6:1-3**

3) *Motherhood brings big challenges (v.19-22)*

Before birth **Judges 13:2-14**

After birth **Judges 14:1-4**

"a burden" **Proverbs 31:1**

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4) God has solutions for a mother's problems (v.23-25)

Bible 2 Timothy 3:15-17

Prayer Matthew 15:21-28

5) Loving mothers are willing to sacrifice (v.26-27)

Jochebed Exodus 2:1-3

Hannah 1 Samuel 1:26-28

*String Along With A Mother's **Stamina***

Mary **John 19:25-27**

Jesus Loved His Mother Who Had:

Generously

Luke 2:34-35

Gratefully

Luke 2:43-49

Verbally

John 2:5

Honorably

John 2:12

String Along With A Mother's Salvation

Acts 16:13-15: “And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there. **14** Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. **15** And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.’ So she persuaded us.”

Acts 2:38