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"She Loves Me: A Mother's Day Poem"

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What

Filled with floral imagery and playing off the old game of picking flower petals one by one, this sweet children's readers' theater script requires no memorization or prior rehearsals and can easily be paired with the suggested craft, which can be given as a Mother's Day gift.

Themes: Mother's Day, Family, Thank You, Parenting, Women's Ministry, Mom, Flowers, Craft

Who

2+ Voices (or as many as you would like!)

When

Modern Day

Costumes

Actors should have modern day clothes.

and Props

Why

1 Corinthians 13:13

How

No rehearsal or memorization needed but do a quick run through before you perform. Actors read from the script or note cards. At the end of the skit is a simple poem that would be easy to teach and quick rehearse with actors of any age, even those who can't read.

Optional Flower/Craft Tie In: To add to the performance, you could have a bouquet of flowers and have the actors pluck a petal from a flower as they say their line. Another idea would be to have smaller children passing out flowers to mothers as the older children are saying their lines. Or, as each child says their line, instead of pulling a petal from a flower, they pull a flower from the vase and give it to their mother, or another mother in the audience. Finally, prior to the performance, you could have the children decorate flower pots or vases with paint, marker, or other adornments and then either plant a small flower in the pot, or put a flower in the vase. The children could hand these out to their mothers during or after the performance.

Time

Approximately 3 minutes

One by one, each **Voice** will say their lines. For the purposes of this script, the lines have been divided between two voices.

*Note that you may choose to have any number of Voices and may assign lines in any manner that works best for the number of actors you have. You may also assign each voice to an actor of any gender.

In terms of the performance itself, unlike the original poem, there are no "She Loves Me Not" lines, as we know Mom loves us no matter what. In that case, those reading Voice 1 lines should be cheerful and upbeat, as their lines talk about all of the positive things they do that earn Mom's love. Voice 2 actors should be sheepish, a little funny, but ultimately endearing as they discuss the mistakes they have made but the fact that their mom loves them anyway.

- **Voice 1:** It's Mother's Day, so we wanted to take a minute to let all the moms out there know how much we love them.
- **Voice 2:** And we know you love us too.
- **Voice 1:** No matter what.
- **Voice 2:** Seriously, no matter what we do, our moms still love us, which is pretty amazing when you think about it.
- **Voice 1:** So here is a little run down of all the times mom shows us that she loves us.
- **Voice 2:** Let us count the ways...
- Voice 1: She loves me when I give her a big hug right after school.
- **Voice 2:** She loves me when I forget my homework, which I know isn't cool.
- **Voice 1:** She loves me when I teach our dog how to sit and how to stay.
- **Voice 2:** She loves me when I forget to feed the dog for three whole days!
- **Voice 1:** She loves me when I finish every single one of my chores.
- **Voice 2:** She loves me when it's clean, and I track mud on all the floors.
- Voice 1: She loves me when I play a game and let my little brother win.
- Voice 2: She loves me when I lose and pout and throw a real big fit.
- **Voice 1:** She loves me when I eat my veggies before I have dessert.

- **Voice 2:** She loves me when I hide my peas and carrots in my shirt.
- **Voice 1:** She loves me when I practice piano and says she's really proud.
- **Voice 2:** She loves me when I play the drums, really, really loud!
- **Voice 1:** She loves me when I'm excited about learning something new.
- **Voice 2:** She loves me when I ask her why, three million times—plus two!
- **Voice 1:** She loves me when I put all of my fresh, clean clothes away.
- **Voice 2:** She loves me when she trips over my shoes, every single day!
- **Voice 1:** She loves me when I invite the new kid at school to go for a walk.
- **Voice 2:** She loves me when I get in trouble because I talk and talk and talk!
- **Voice 1:** She loves me when my artwork is hung up in the school halls.
- **Voice 2:** She loves me when I fingerpaint all over my bedroom walls.
- **Voice 1:** She loves me when I clean my room without even being told.
- **Voice 2:** She loves me when my room smells bad and finds a snack that's really old.
- Voice 1: She loves me when I wash my hands after playing in the dirt.
- **Voice 2:** She loves me when I wipe my nose on the bottom of my shirt.
- **Voice 1:** She loves me when I help bring in the groceries from the car.
- **Voice 2:** She loves me when I eat all of the cookies in the jar.
- **Voice 1:** She loves me when I use my manners and remember to say please.
- **Voice 2:** She loves me when I forget to cover my mouth each time I sneeze.
- **Voice 1:** She loves me when I pickup my Legos and put them all away.
- **Voice 2:** She loves me when she steps on a Lego and she's in a ton of pain.
- **Voice 1:** She loves me when I have only the kindest words to say.
- **Voice 2:** She loves me when I'm crabby and am having a real bad day.
- **Voice 1:** She loves me when I take a bath every single night.
- Voice 2: She loves me when I splash my brother and have a water fight.

- Voice 1: She loves me when I go to bed and never make a peep.
- Voice 2: She loves me when she reads me books, just five more before I'll sleep!
- **Voice 1:** Because always on my best days
- Voice 2: And even on my worst,
- **Voice 1:** My mom never stops loving me
- Voice 2: And always puts me first.
- **Voice 1:** And I'm so very lucky
- **Voice 2:** That God gave you to me.
- **Voice 1:** He knew you'd be the greatest mom
- **Voice 2:** That any mom could be.
- **Voice 1:** Now Mom, you know we love you
- **Voice 2:** And we hope you liked this poem.
- **Voice 1:** You're such a special person.
- **Voice 2:** You make our house a home.
- **Voice 1:** And if you don't have a moment, here on this Mother's Day
- **Voice 2:** We all have one more special poem that we'd like to say.
- All: Roses are Red. Violets are Blue. Happy Mother's Day, Mom. We love you!

End of scene.

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