

Mother’s Day

Looking back at the stories in the Old Testament, there is one that always stands out to me. It involves God’s creation of the universe. Yes, I believe God created this world in six literal days. I don’t have enough faith to believe in the “Big Bang Theory” where everything just exploded into place. God’s creation is a pivotal key to the Christian faith and belief system. We all have a favorite part of God’s creation, but my favorite is when God created woman. God saw that it was not good for man to be alone, so He created a “helpmate” for Adam. Woman was never intended to be a competitor, but rather a completer. She would be able to give Adam all that he needed, and God called her Eve. When God created woman, He instilled things in her character that man does not have. He gave her motherly instincts, he also gave her great compassion, the ability to nurture, and to multi-task. Woman is unlike all other creation, some things are just inherited. Motherly instinct has been passed down through time. Most of us would agree that mothers are special. They have those special traits that no one else has. There is no greater



JUST A THOUGHT
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honor than that bestowed on a mother. I have a poem that defines her:

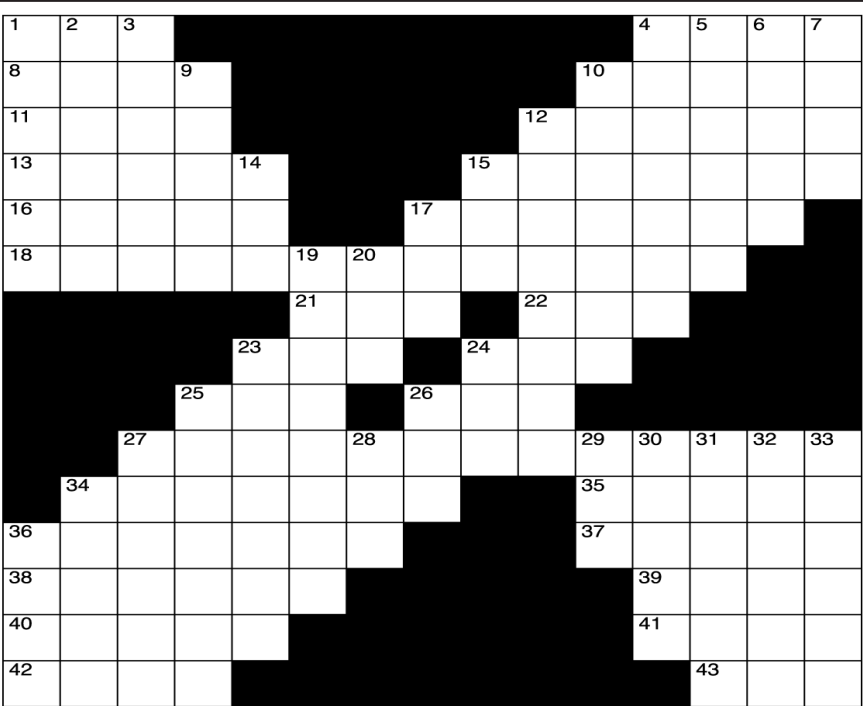
What is a Mother
A heart that can hear
Every unspoken need,
Wisdom to know
When to quietly lead,
Hands that reach out,
Always helping and sharing-
A mother is caring!
Eyes that reflect
Every joy that you find,
Arms to encircle,
But never to bind,
A talent for making
The most out of living-
A mother is giving!
A voice that can soothe
Or inspire or delight,
A smile that keeps shining
When things don’t go right,

An angel God sends us
From Heaven above-
A mother is nothing
But caring, giving and love.
There are special traits that accompany a mom. She is the one who believes in you when you don’t believe in yourself. She has a way of telling you the right thing at the right time. The Lord also gives mom the ability to see our potential. Any project has to have someone who can see the finished product, and moms have a way of doing that. Oh, sure, there are always a few bumps in the road, but she never lets up. She has the determination to stick with the task.
This is the first year that I will celebrate Mother’s Day without my mom. She went to be with the Lord September 17, 2020, and we had the privilege of being by her bedside as she left this world. She taught us by example how we ought to live our lives. She also set a great example of how we ought to leave this world. There were many things about my mom that were special to me. She lost her mom when she was five, never had a lot of formal education, grew up very poor, and yet somehow she was able to rise above all the obstacles placed in her way. She never

had a pattern how she should parent because she never had an example. Somehow she learned and did a great job.
This Mother’s Day will definitely be different because of mom’s absence, but I know she is looking down on us from Heaven. I won’t be able to hug her and tell her I love her as I have throughout my life. If you still have your mother with you, I hope you do something special for her. She has sac-

rificed a lifetime for you. I leave you with a poem today:
A Mother’s Love
There are times when only a mother’s love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all our fears.
There are times when only a mother’s love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we’ve dreamed about

Quite suddenly is real.
There are times when only a mother’s faith
Can help us on life’s way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.
For a mother’s heart and a mother’s faith
And a mother’s steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.
Author Unknown



CLUES ACROSS

1. Engine additive
4. A hearty laugh
8. Restrain
10. Dried coconut kernels
11. Nefarious
12. Elderly
13. Central part of a church building
15. Throw into confusion
16. Intestinal
17. Qualities of being religious
18. Live up to a standard
21. Seize
22. Go quickly
23. Automated teller machine
24. Bowling necessity
25. One point east of due south
26. Japanese honorific
27. A way to induce sleep
34. Makes cash register rolls
35. A city in S Louisiana
36. Make more cheerful
37. Manicurist
38. Consents
39. Network of nerves
40. Mocking smile
41. It covers the body
42. Partner to pans
43. Perform in a play

CLUES DOWN

1. Beautiful
2. Polynesian island country
3. Shrub of the olive family
4. Self-governing Netherlands territory
5. Shared one’s view
6. Tailless amphibians
7. Charge passengers must pay
9. Sound sheep make
10. Known for sure
12. Filled with unexpressed anger
14. Student (abbr.)
15. Criticize
17. Gathering place
19. Informal alliances
20. One’s mother (British)
23. Landholder
24. Peter’s last name
25. Parties
26. Title of respect
27. Red wine
28. Pearl Jam’s debut
29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
30. Frosts
31. Cry of joy
32. Induces vomiting
33. Mother or father
34. Dal __: Musical navigation marker
36. Door fastener part

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SUDOKU

	7		4					5
	5	9						
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Level: Intermediate

Here’s How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you’ll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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