

## Conversation Café

### Mother's Day



Mother's Day in Canada is on the second Sunday of May each year. It is a day meant to honour mothers and appreciate their role in society and their role in families. Mother's Day is not a statutory holiday in Canada. It is celebrated in many countries around the world but not on the same day, although many countries celebrate Mother's Day in May.

Here are some things we often do in Canada for our mothers: give her flowers, candy or chocolate, or a gift; bring her breakfast in bed; give her a hand-made card; take her out for dinner or make dinner for her. In Canada, school children always do something special for their mothers.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Do you celebrate Mother's Day, or something similar, in your country?  
If so, how do you celebrate? When do you celebrate?
2. What kinds of gifts have you given your own mother on Mother's Day or on special holidays?  
If you are a mother, what kind of gifts have you been given?
3. If you could give your mother anything you wanted to, and the price didn't matter, what would you give her? If you are a mother, what would you most like to receive?
4. Birth of a baby: What special traditions accompany the birth of a baby in your culture?  
Are customs different for the birth of a girl versus boy baby?
5. How are you most like your mother?  
(appearance, speech, habits, talents, etc.)
6. What do you like most about your mother?
7. If you are a mother, what do you like most about being one?  
*How do you think you will feel when your children get married and have children of their own?*
8. What qualities make a good mother?
9. What advice do you ask your mother to give you?

for all you do  
you do with love  
*you are so special*  
a gift from above  
*and with all my heart*  
I want to say  
I LOVE YOU MOM  
happy mother's day





**Honor your father and your mother**  
so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Jesus quoted from the Ten Commandments when he said:

**“Honor your father and mother.”**

Gospel of Luke 18:20



- ❖ Why do you think this is so important that it's one of the Ten Commandments?
- ❖ How do you show honor to your mother?

**Idioms:**

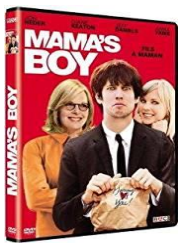


**A face only a mother could love** - a very ugly face (usually humorous). *Tom has a face that only a mother can love.*



**Tied to your mother's apron strings** - dominated by one's mother; dependent on one's mother.

*“Bill's wife told me that he is still tied to his mother's apron strings. Isn't he a little old to be tied to his mother's apron strings?”*



**A mama's boy** - a boy or man who allows his mother to have too much influence on him. *“Derek's a bit of a mama's boy.”*



**Your mother tongue** – your native language. *“It's much more comfortable to speak in your mother tongue but try to just speak English at the Conversation Café.”*