

Happy
Mother's Day!

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What is a Mother's Worth?

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The survey of 5.4 million stay-at-home moms showed that assuming a 100-hour workweek (40 hours of regular work, 60 hours of overtime), they would earn an average of \$131,471 annually if they were paid for what they do. This salary was calculated based on job titles the moms came up with, which included day care center teacher, van driver, housekeeper and cook.

Bill Coleman of Salary.com said in the article, "The importance of this calculation or this estimate is just calling attention to the fact that being a stay-at-home mom is not a cop out, it's not the woman's way out of the workforce and it's not a job of no value. There is a lot of value there, and some would say it's even priceless."

	Eve	The first mother ... ever!!
	Sarah	The mother of the nation of Israel
	Rebeka h	The mother of Jacob, who would be called Israel and father the 12 tribes of Israel
	Jochebe r	The mother of Moses, the man who led Israel to the Promised Land and gave Israel Torah.
	Hannah	The mother of Samuel, who gave her baby to the Lord to become a prophet/priest.
	Bathshe ha	Mother of the wisest and richest man who ever lived – Solomon. She is one of five women mentioned in Messiah's genealogy!
	Mary	Mother of Yeshua, our Messiah. She trusted Yehovah and bore His Son, who would save the world from sin.

Anna Jarvis and the Mother's Day Story

In the United States, Mother's Day started nearly 150 years ago, when Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker, organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community, a cause she believed would be best advocated by mothers. She called it "Mother's Work Day."

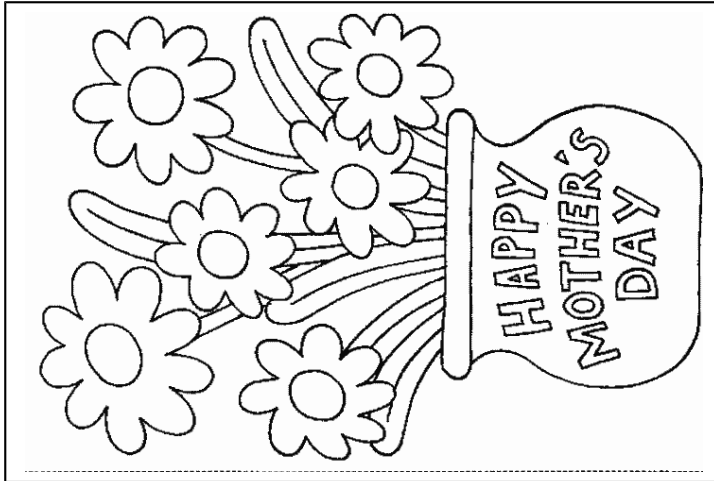
In 1905 when Anna Jarvis died, her daughter, also named Anna, began a campaign to memorialize the life work of her mother. Legend has it that young Anna remembered her mother saying, "I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial mother's day. There are many days for men, but none for mothers."

Anna began to lobby prominent businessmen to support her campaign to create a special day to honor mothers. At one of the first services organized to celebrate Anna's mother in 1908, at her church in West Virginia, Anna handed out her mother's favorite flower, the white carnation.

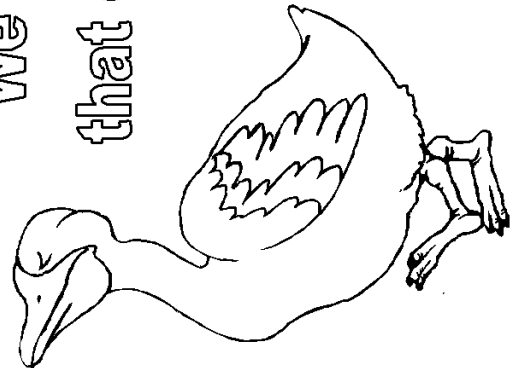
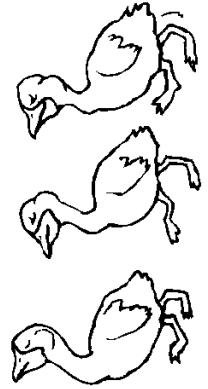
In 1914 Anna's hard work paid off when Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday. At first, people observed Mother's Day by attending church, writing letters to their mothers, and eventually, by sending cards, presents, and flowers.

With the increasing gift-giving activity, Anna became enraged. She believed that the day's sentiment was being sacrificed at the expense of greed and profit. In 1923 she filed a lawsuit, and was even arrested for disturbing the peace at a convention selling carnations. Before her death in 1948, Jarvis is said to have confessed that she regretted ever starting the mother's day tradition.

Resources: <http://mothers-day.123holiday.net/> <http://www.coloring.ws/mom/mom9.gif>
http://monster.typepad.com/monsterblog/2005/05/whats_a_mothers.html
<http://christianity.about.com/od/peopleofthebible/tp/Mothers-In-The-Bible.htm>
<http://www.coloring.ws/t.asp?b=m&t=http://www.coloring.ws/mom/mom3.gif>
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We're so Lucky,
that our mom's so
DUCKY!



Mothers hold their
children's hands for a
short while, but their
hearts forever.

God could not be
everywhere... therefore
He made mothers.
~Jewish

A man's work is from
sun to sun, but a
mother's work is never

**The Seven
Moms**