

## HAVE YOU EVER SAID THIS:

Mother to son: I'm warning you. If you fall out of that tree and break both your legs, don't come running to me!

A mother is trying to get her son to eat carrots. "Carrots are good for your eyes," she says. "How do you know?" the son asks. The mother replies, "Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?"

## IF YOU WERE A FLOWER, WHAT WOULD YOU BE? WHY?

The first Mother's Day was celebrated in 1908. Anna Jarvis honored her mother Ann Jarvis with a memorial. Ann Jarvis had started a committee in 1868 to establish 'Mother's Friendship Day'. Her motivation had been to reunite families after the Civil War. She died in 1905, before Mother's Day became a holiday.

Why do Mothers have to have two visits to the optometrist? Because they also have eyes in the back of their head.

Research has proven that there are actually health benefits to receiving flowers.

Why don't they have Mother's Day sales? Because Mothers are priceless.

Mother's Day originated in the United States in the early 1900s. Although there are older traditions that celebrate similar holidays, they are not considered to be the origins of Mother's Day. Mother's Day is meant to honor mothers and their influence in society, maternal bonds and motherhood itself.

Mother's Day became a recognized holiday in 1914 in the United States.



GLASS

**Daughter:** Mom, what's it like to have the greatest daughter in the world?

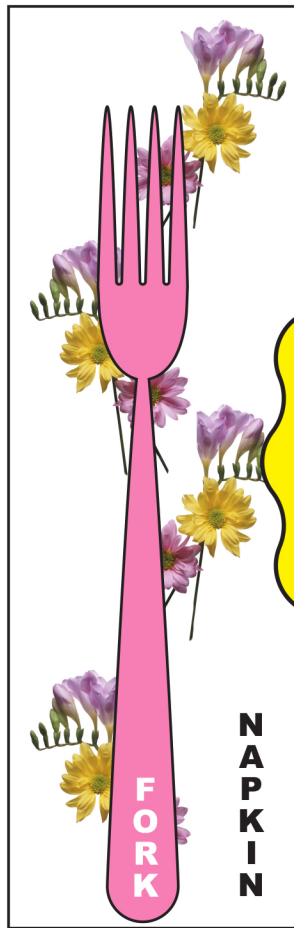
**Mom:** I don't know dear, you'd have to ask Grandma.

**Sunday school teacher:**

Tell me, Johnny. Do you say prayers before eating?

Johnny: No, ma'am, I don't have to. My Mom's a good cook.

The carnation is the flower most often associated with Mother's Day.



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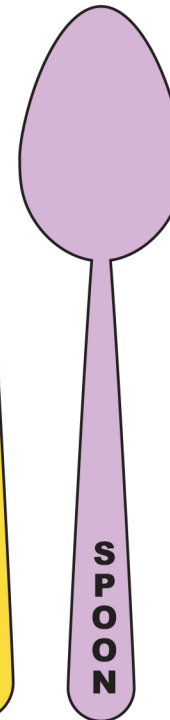
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PLATE



KNIFE



SPOON

In 1870 a female activist, writer and poet by the name of Julia Ward (she wrote the "Battle Hymn of the Republic") suggested a day of peace and strongly advocated other women to stand up against the war. From this plea she was able to get Boston to recognize mothers on the second Sunday of June.

In Greek mythology spring festivals were held in honor of the maternal goddess called, Rhea. She was the wife of Cronus and was believed to be the mother of many deities. In 250 B.C. ancient Romans celebrated a spring festival called, Hilaria. This was dedicated to a mother goddess named, Cybele, on the Ides of March. Her followers would make offerings at the temple, hold parades, play games and also have masquerades. It lasted three days.

**Mother:** The amazing ability to hear a sneeze through 3 closed doors in the middle of the night, three bedrooms away... while Daddy snores next to you.

In most countries and languages, the word for mother begins with 'm'.

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Dear Mom,

Happy Mother’s Day!

Thank you for teaching me why it is important to \_\_\_\_\_

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I love you,

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P.S. I hope you have the best Mother’s Day ever!



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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,  
Do you remember the time we...

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That is a time I will always remember—thank you.  
Happy Mother’s Day!

I love you.  
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## **Nearly Unseen Southern Manners**

(Southern Living 1/31/20, Melissa Locker)

1. Have common courtesy.
2. Be hospitable.
3. Be honest.
4. Be respectful.
5. Be kind.
6. Be a good friend.
7. Don't be stingy with compliments.
8. Dinner table talk should be inclusive, light, and friendly.
9. Know how to change the subject tactfully.
10. Introduce older people first.
11. Say "thank you" to waiters, valets, housekeepers, shopkeepers, and everyone else.
12. Cancel plans only if there is an emergency.
13. Clean up after yourself.
14. Don't whisper in front of others.
15. Don't ask someone where they are from—just make them feel comfortable.
16. Don't boast, brag, or show off.
17. Always offer visitors a seat and something to eat/drink.
18. Be punctual but never early.
19. If uninvited guests show up, make them welcome.
20. Treat your parents and grandparents well.
21. Make eye contact when you shake hands.
22. Always offer to help.
23. Learn to compromise.
24. Include everyone at a gathering in your conversation and learn to mingle.
25. Know how to make sweet tea.
26. Don't eat birthday cake with your hands in front of your future mother-in-law.
27. Always RSVP after receiving an invitation – even if not asked.
28. Be well groomed; don't judge others who haven't managed to put on pearls after carpool.
29. Never embarrass your host.
30. Turn off your cell phone when entering a theatre, church, or meeting.
31. Keep personal problems private, especially at another's expense.
32. Be sincere with your compliments.
33. Hold the door for someone who needs extra help.
34. Give your seat to pregnant, disabled, or others older than you.
35. Don't be tacky.
36. Know how to make one dish and one drink well.

37. Don't laugh at other people's mistakes and if you do, pretend you are coughing.
38. Keep your promise.
39. Don't use your phone while having a "live" conversation.
40. Stay home from work, school, church, and parties if you are sick.
41. Do not overdo it on drinks and don't over serve your guests.
42. Wait until everyone is seated and served before starting to eat.
43. If you get the church giggles, try to squelch them, or excuse yourself to the restroom.
44. No phone at the table, the cemetery, church, theatre, or movies.
45. Never show up empty handed.
46. Manners trump etiquette.
47. Feel free to break these rules but do it with good humor—and don't let your mother catch you.
48. Respect your elders by using a polite title (Yes/No sir, as an example).
49. Use proper table manners.
50. Always use "please" and "thank you."
51. Write a thank you note for gifts or actions.
52. \*\*\*one I would add: always flush the toilet, put the lid down, and wash your hands after visiting the bathroom. (Janet)