

## BIG IDEA

**In a mom, we get our first glimpse into the nature of God.**

## WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

If you had to pick one word to describe your mom, what would it be and why?

Mother's Day can be hard for many people. Be sensitive to your group members as they answer this question, and don't be surprised or offended if someone in your group doesn't have something nice to say about their mom. Practice gentleness in this moment while honoring those in your group who have happier things to share.

Read the following passages about God aloud. Underline the words that remind you of moms as you read:

### **Exodus 34:5-7**

*Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness."*

### **Psalms 23:1-3**

*The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.*

**Read Proverbs 6:20-22 and 2 Timothy 1:3-5.** What can you discern about the importance of a mother's influence in these passages?

## WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Have you ever considered the ways in which God is like a mother? What is comforting about this notion?

Thinking about the maternal qualities of God may be a stretch for some. It is important to note, however, that God sometimes describes himself in maternal terms (Isaiah 66:13)! Those people who have lost their moms, or have poor relationships with their moms can be comforted by the fact that God can meet that relational need in our lives.

Reflect on your mom or a mother-figure in your life. What did she teach you about the nature of God?





# LIFE GROUPS

## LEADER GUIDE

### WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

Moms, you are teaching your children what God is like! How does this understanding impact the way you view your role as a mom?

What example given to you by your mom (or mother figure) would you like to start imitating. What steps will you take to apply what you have been taught?

