

# Mother's Day

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Mother's Day is also called Mothering Sunday.

## What Might People Do on Mother's Day?

spend time with family



give flowers



give presents



send cards



make a special meal



make a cake



# Questions

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- ☐ Mother's Day is always on a Saturday.
- ☐ Mother's Day is always on a Sunday.
- ☐ Mother's Day is always on a Monday.

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- ☐ on the first Sunday of Lent
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- ☐ Mummy's Day
- ☐ Mothering Day
- ☐ Mothering Sunday

4. What might people do on Mother's Day? Tick one.

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- ☐ make a card
- ☐ make lots of noise

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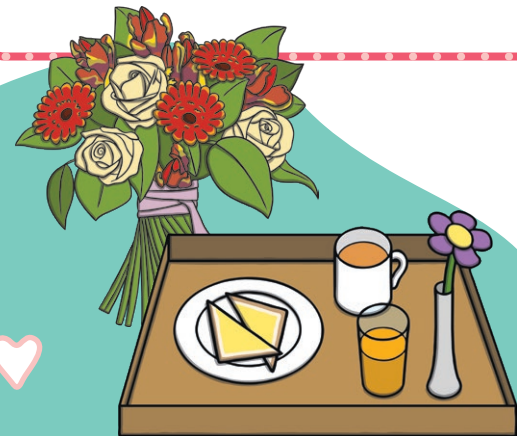
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## What Is Mothering Sunday?

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Mothering Sunday also became a day that servants were allowed to go home to visit their families. Lots of children worked as servants in large houses a long time ago. They had to live in the houses where they worked so could not see their families very often. They were allowed to go home on Mothering Sunday.

## How Might People Celebrate Mother's Day?



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### Did You Know...?

A traditional Mother's Day cake is called a simnel cake. This is a fruit cake topped with marzipan.



# Questions

1. What day of the week is Mother's Day always on? Tick one.

- ☐ Monday
- ☐ Sunday
- ☐ Saturday
- ☐ Wednesday

2. Fill in the missing words.

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to their mothers and other special women in their lives.

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- ☐ Mother's Day is also called Mothering Sunday.
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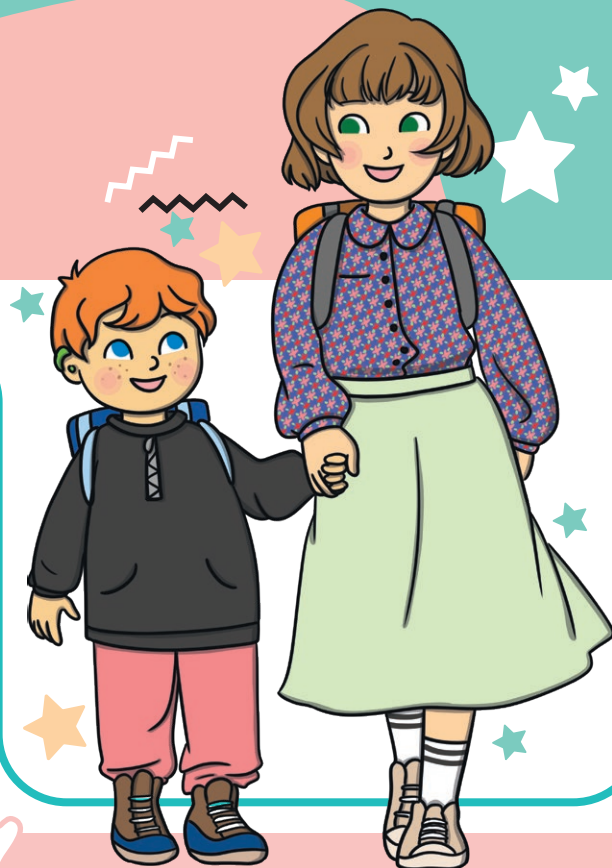
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Mother's Day is always on a Sunday in spring. The exact date changes each year because it is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of **Lent**.

Mother's Day is a special day when people say thank you to their mothers and other mother figures. Mother figures may include grandmas, aunties, sisters, carers or **guardians**.

Mother's Day is a time for people to show that they are grateful for what these special people do to help them. It is also called Mothering Sunday.



## What Is Mothering Sunday?

Mother's Day is based on a religious day called 'Mothering Sunday'. A long time ago, Christians would travel home to visit their 'mother' church on Mothering Sunday. The 'mother' church was the name given to the church or cathedral that was nearest to their home.

Mothering Sunday also became a day that servants were allowed to go home to visit their families. A long time ago, lots of children worked as servants in large houses. They had to live in the houses where they worked so could not see their families very often. The servants were allowed to return home on Mothering Sunday every year. Servants could spend time with their families and go to church together on this special day.





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### Did You Know...?

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### Glossary

**guardian:**

A guardian is someone who is responsible for taking care of another person.

**Lent:**

Lent is an important time for Christians. It is the time when Christians prepare for Easter.

# Questions

1. Why does the exact day of Mother's Day change each year? Tick one.

- ☐ The date changes because it is on the third Sunday of Lent.
- ☐ The date changes because it is on the first Sunday of Lent.
- ☐ The date changes because it is on the fourth Sunday of Lent.
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3. Number the sentences from 1-4 to show the order in which they appear in the text. The first one has been done for you.

- ☐ A long time ago, lots of children worked as servants in large houses.
- ☐ The servants were allowed to return home on Mothering Sunday every year.
- ☐ Mother's Day is based on a religious day called Mothering Sunday.
- ☒ 1 Mother's Day is always on a Sunday in spring.

4. What are **two** things that people might do on Mother's Day?

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

5. Fill in the missing word.

The 'mother' church was the name given to the church or \_\_\_\_\_ that was nearest to their home.

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**Accept any two of the following answers: spend time with family; give flowers; send cards; give presents; make a special meal; make a cake.**

5. Fill in the missing word.

The 'mother' church was the name given to the church or **cathedral** that was nearest to their home.

6. How would you like to celebrate Mother's Day?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I would make a thank-you card and bake a cake to show someone that I was grateful for everything they do.**