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Gift-Wrapped Pictures



The Big Idea

Mother's Day is a time to involve preschoolers in drawing pictures to give to mothers and grandmothers. Consider that gift wrap paper is white on one side and can be used for art activities. Invite a child to draw on the white side before turning the paper over to see the design on the other side. Remind the child that the Bible says **Love your mother** (Deuteronomy 5:16). Thank God for mothers and grandmothers.

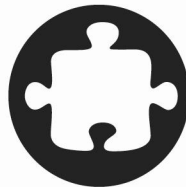


Supplies for Making Gift-Wrapped Pictures:

- gift wrap paper (Use solid colors or realistic designs rather than fantasy patterns.)
- washable markers
- ribbon or yarn
- self-adhesive labels



Things to Gather



Put it Together

1. Cut the gift wrap paper in 12-by-18-inch pieces.
2. Lay the paper on a table with the white side on top.
3. Provide washable markers for drawing on the gift wrap paper.
4. When the child completes his drawing, turn the paper over to show the other side. Guide the child to roll the picture with the color or design on the outside and secure with ribbon or yarn.
5. Talk about the picture being gift-wrapped and ready to give to a mother or grandmother. Help the child use a self-adhesive label to make a gift tag.

Teaching Tips:

- Remind preschoolers that giving gifts is a way to show love to others.
- Be sensitive to family situations when talking about Mother's Day. If you cannot talk to a child about his mother, talk about a grandmother, an aunt, or another special woman in the child's life.
- Use this idea for other holidays and special occasions such as Easter and birthdays.

