

**H3: HOLIDAY
HINTS & HELPS
#3: MOTHER'S DAY**

(KID'S EDITION)

THE LATE EVENING SHOW WITH MOM

IDEA/EXPLANATION:

As a family, create your own “late night” style evening honoring mom. Perform it live or record it for her to watch on Mother’s Day. Have all the usual “late night” show fun with things like an opening joke monologue, funny games, skits, thank you notes, musical guest and, of course, a sit-down interview. Allow your child/children to be creative and have fun.

OPENING MONOLOGUE:

Have the kids work together to come up with a set of funny jokes and news about mom. Be respectful but consider allowing them to have fun making “playful fun” of mom. Set up a blanket as a curtain or have a child stand behind a curtain come out, welcome everyone to the show and tell their jokes.

If you have more than one child, involve everyone by having a co-host or create a crowd that is applauding and laughing.

FUNNY GAME:

If you are recording it, have children play against each other (or dad) to answer trivia questions about mom. If you’re doing it as a live performance, have mom come up and play a favorite family board game. Make sure that it involves a timer and that it would work for a quick 1-3 round game (Boggle, Pictureka..).

THANK YOU NOTES:

Have child/children write a couple different short thank you notes. There can be a couple funny ones but also include a few serious ones as well.

Similar to the Late Show with Jimmy Fallon, using the “thank you notes music,” have each child read their thank you notes.

MUSICAL GUEST:

If your child/children are musical or play an instrument introduce them or have the children introduce each other and have them perform a song they have been learning or practicing.

If your child is not musical or does not play an instrument, consider a couple options:

- Have them sing their favorite song, or have them sing along to their favorite song
- Have them “lip sync” mom’s favorite song/singer.
- Have them perform a song using a kazoo or similar item.

THE INTERVIEW:

Set up a “desk” area with a second chair/couch for “guests.”. Use the dining room table, coffee table or play desk/table. Have a second chair set up nearby or set up the “desk” near your family’s couch.

If you are doing this live, choose a host and have your child/children write a series of interview questions that they will ask mom. Invite her up to the “stage” to be interviewed.

Examples of questions:

- What is your favorite part of being a mom?
- What is your least favorite chore to do as a mom?
- What your favorite memory of being a mom?
- Tell us one thing you remember about your own mom?
- If you could describe being a mom in one word what would it be?

If you are recording this, have family members take turns hosting and interviewing each other and dad/other family members about mom.

Example of questions:

- What is one thing you love about “mom”?
- What is your favorite meal or food that she makes?
- What is one things she does for our family or around that house that you appreciate?
- If you had \$100 what would you buy “mom”?
- What is your favorite memory of “mom”?
- If you could describe mom as an ice cream flavor, what flavor would she be, and why?