

# Mother's Day History

## Mom Says

(Original Author Unknown: Sung to:  
"Twinkle, twinkle little star")

Sometimes, Mom says, "Don't  
do this,"  
Sometimes, Mom says, "Don't  
do that,"  
She still loves me, that I know.  
Why? Because she tells me so.  
Sometimes, Mom says, "Let's do  
this!"  
Sometimes, Mom says, "Kiss,  
Kiss, Kiss!"

Origin of Mother's Day goes back to the era of ancient Greek and Romans. But the roots of Mother's Day history can also be traced in UK where a Mothering Sunday was celebrated much before the festival saw the light of the day in US. However, the celebration of the festival as it is seen today is a recent phenomenon and not even a hundred years old. Thanks to the hard work of the pioneering women of their times, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis that the day came into existence. Today the festival of Mothers day is celebrated across 46 countries (though on different dates) and is a hugely popular affair. Millions of people across the globe take the day as an opportunity to honor their mothers, thank them for their efforts in giving them life, raising them and being their constant support and well wisher.

## Earliest History of Mothers Day

The earliest history of Mothers Day dates back to the ancient annual spring festival the Greeks dedicated to maternal goddesses. The Greeks used the occasion to honor Rhea, wife of Cronus and the mother of many deities of Greek mythology.

Ancient Romans, too, celebrated a spring festival, called Hilaria dedicated to Cybele, a mother goddess. It may be noted that ceremonies in honour of Cybele began some 250 years before Christ was born. The celebration made on the Ides of March by making offerings in the temple of Cybele lasted for three days and included parades, games and masquerades. The celebrations were notorious enough that followers of Cybele were banished from Rome.

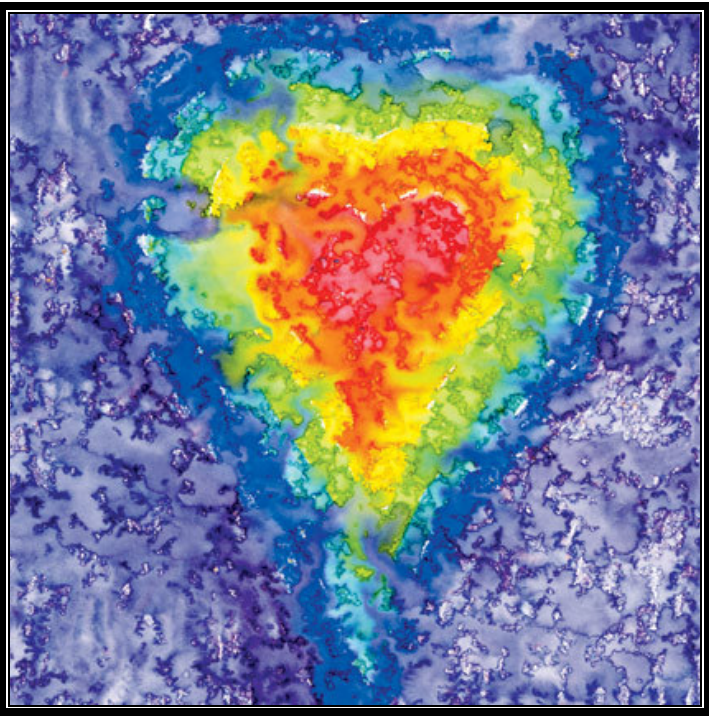
Early Christians celebrated a Mother's Day of sorts during the festival on the fourth Sunday of Lent in honor of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ. In England the holiday was expanded to include all mothers. It was then called Mothering Sunday.

Today Mothers Day is celebrated in several countries including US, UK, India, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, Mexico, Canada, China, Japan and Belgium. People take the day as an opportunity to pay tribute to their mothers and thank them for all their love and support. The day has become hugely popular and in several countries phone lines witness maximum traffic. There is also a tradition of gifting flowers, cards and others gift to mothers on the Mothers Day. The festival has become commercialised to a great extent. Florists, card manufacturers and gift sellers see huge business potential in the day and make good money through a rigorous advertising campaign.



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# Painting in the Rain



Total Time Needed:  
1-2 Hours

If you can sing in the rain, why not paint? A soggy day can transform drawings into Impressionist art.

## Materials

- Card stock
- Washable markers

## Instructions

1. Draw on card stock with washable markers, then place the papers outdoors in the rain until the colors have run.
2. Bring the paintings back inside and put them on a flat surface to dry.

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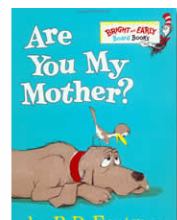


To: Ms. Erin's Lions

### The Book Nook:

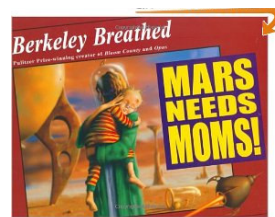
#### Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman

A baby bird is hatched while his mother is away. Fallen from his nest, he sets out to look for her and asks everyone he meets -- including a dog, a cow, and a plane -- "Are you my mother?"



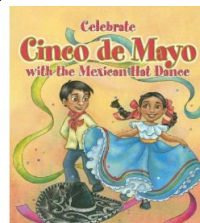
#### Mars Needs Moms!

Milo doesn't get it: What's the big deal about moms? They're just slave-driving broccoli bullies.! Perhaps even the galaxy over- because here come Martians and they're after one thing only: moms. Milo's mom in particular!



#### Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with the Mexican Hat Dance

Alma F. Ada & F. Isabel Campoy  
As students prepare to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, they practice a Mexican dance and try their best not to step on the hat. Includes an informative section about Cinco de Mayo.



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### Top 10 Motherisms

- "If everyone else jumped off a cliff, would you do it too?"
- "It's all fun and games until someone pokes an eye out."
- "You'd forget your head if it wasn't screwed on."
- "Elbows off the table."
- "Don't talk with your mouth full."
- "Clean up your room, it looks like a tornado hit."
- "Do you think I was born yesterday?"
- "Is that too much to ask?"
- "Why? Because I said so, that's why!"
- "Money doesn't grow on trees!"

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What to Expect in Kindergarten...

#### Lessons:

Sight words: do, down, have, help, look, out, off, take  
Letter sounds  
Verbs: past, present, future  
Wants and Needs  
Estimation  
Division concepts

#### Activities:

5/11 Muffins with Mom  
6:30-9:00 AM  
  
5/15 Cody and BJs Music Show: 10:30 am  
  
5/22 Ident-a-kid  
  
5/28 Center CLOSED for Memorial Day