

# VOICE OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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## **LIFE STINKS** KNOWING THE POWER OF THE WORD

That is what I saw on a bumper sticker the other day. My mind began to evaluate the statement and the mind of a person who would think such things. This person is either a hurting Christian or someone disillusioned with life. As a Christian, the Word states that we are not our own, but that we are bought with a price; and the price is what makes me appreciate life. The price is the redemptive work of our Lord. When I believe, really believe, that my life is not my own, then I feel that someone is responsible for me and will accomplish good things in me. This kind of attitude will be a driving force in my life and will subsequently be a testimony for the Lord to others. Life doesn't stink, it is what we make of it, how we shape it, how we treat it and how we share it. When one finds one's self in a situation such as crippled or paralyzed or with cancer, then they see life from a new vantage point. They want a second chance that sometimes doesn't come. I love life and appreciate each day as a gift from my Father. I ask the Holy Spirit to enrich each day with the life that God gives and allow me to share it with someone in a special way. Hey, life

*"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* Hebrews 4:12

*"Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word."* Psalm 119:11,16

*"How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."* Psalm 119:103-105

*"The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver tried in the furnace of the earth, purified seven times. You shall keep them, O Lord. You shall preserve them from this generation forever."* Psalm 12:6-7

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."* John 1:1-4

*"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."* 2 Timothy 3:16-17

*"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth."* Psalm 33:6

*"Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness endures to all generations. You established the earth, and it abides."* Psalm 119:89-90

*"It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."* Matthew 4:4

*"Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. The entrance of Your word gives light; it gives understanding to the simple."* Psalm 119:129-130

*"As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious."* 1 Peter 2:2-3

*"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* Romans 10:17

*"But the word of the Lord endures forever. Now this is the word by which the gospel was preached to you."* 1 Peter 1:25

*"Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus."* 2 Timothy 1:13

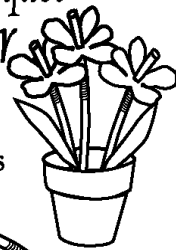
*"Take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the*





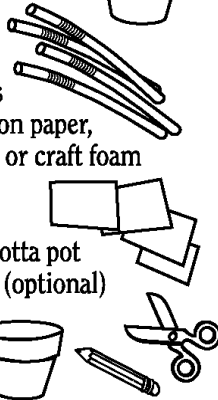
## A Cheerful Bouquet for Mother

Make a beautiful bouquet for your mom that will cheer her up for many days — and it doesn't need any water or sunshine!



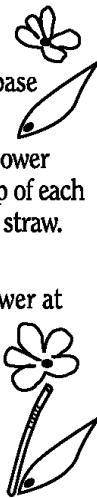
### What you need:

- 12 bendable straws
- colored construction paper, colored card stock or craft foam
- craft glue
- hole punch
- bud vase or terra cotta pot
- clay or play dough (optional)
- scissors
- pencil

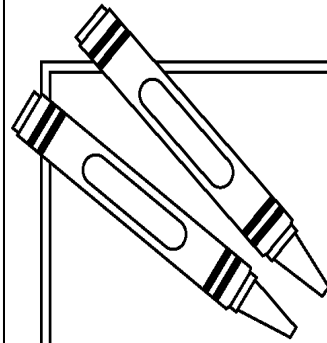


### What you will do:

1. Cut the colored paper, card stock or foam (or a combination) into 24 or more flower shapes and 24 or more leaf shapes (about 1-2 inches). Make them different sizes and colors.
2. Punch a hole in the center of each flower and one near the base of each leaf.
3. Bend each straw and push the flower shapes (2 or more layered on top of each other) onto the short end of the straw. Do not go past the bend.
4. Put a little glue behind the flower at the hole to hold it in place.
5. From the bottom of the straw, slide 1 or 2 leaf shapes onto the straw and glue them in place from underneath.
6. After the glue has dried, put your flowers in a bud vase or display them in a terra cotta pot.\*
7. \*If you use a terra cotta pot, place a fist-sized ball of clay or play dough in the bottom of the pot. Push the straw ends into the clay or play dough. When the clay or dough dries out, it keeps the flowers arranged without them falling over.



*Your mother will appreciate the time and love you put into making this cheerful bouquet for her.*



# Just for KIDS

## Mothers of the Bible

God wants us to love and honor our mothers — not just on Mother's Day, but every day. The Bible tells us about many mothers who loved God.

Use the code to discover each mother's name.

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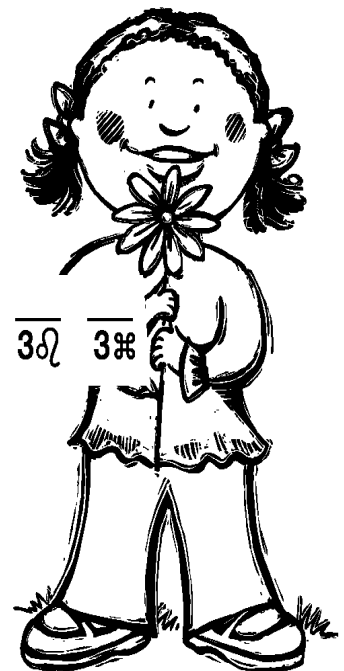
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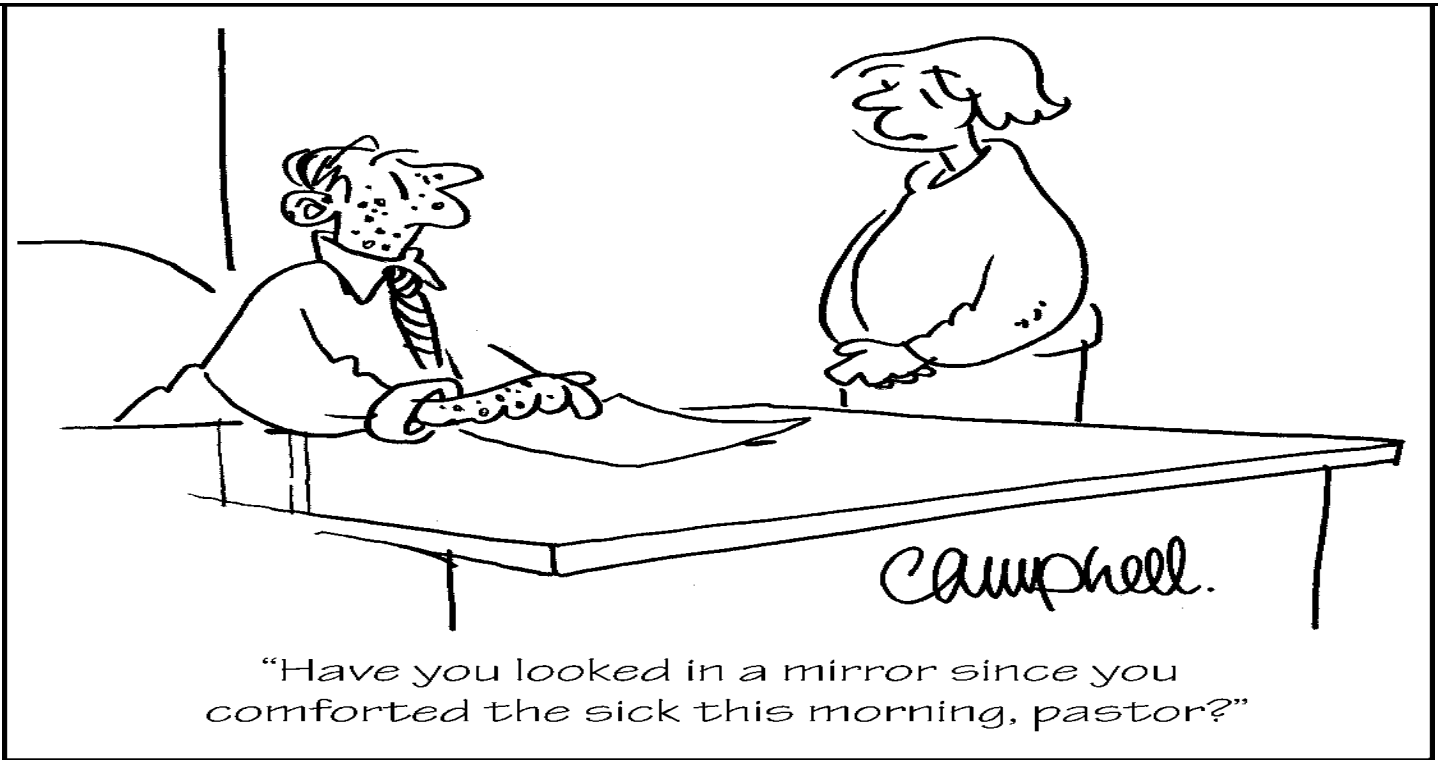
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1 Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV