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| <b>Festival: Lent ~ Mothering Sunday</b>  | <b>Year Group: Year 2</b> | <b>No. of lessons: 2</b> |
| <b>Links:</b> Cambs: CSC1, CSC3, CFF1, RFF1, P'borough: CRC1, CSC!, CSC2, CSC3, N'folk: CBB, CP   |                           |                          |
| <b>Learning objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ To be able to consider the importance of motherhood</li> <li>◆ To study a painting showing Jesus and his mother, and have the opportunity to respond to it as part of a group</li> <li>◆ To be able to think about different ways of showing love to one's mother</li> <li>◆ To hear about the Christian concept of the mother church</li> </ul>   |                           |                          |
| <b>Questions for reflection:</b><br>I wonder why I should say 'thank you' to my mum?<br>Why are mothers important? Does everyone have a mother?<br>How can the church be like a mother?   |                           |                          |
| <b>Activities and experiences:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Talk about mothers and make a list of some of the things they do for us (keep the list).</li> <li>◆ Collect a variety of reproductions of Madonna and child paintings, and put them up around the room. You can obtain quite a variety from Christmas cards, fine art books and the Internet.<br/> Let the children spend some time in studying them, and ask questions ~ What can you see?<br/> What is this mother saying to this baby?<br/> Which painting do you like best and why?</li> <li>◆ Reproduce one of the paintings in chalk outline on black sugar paper and let the children make a collage using a mosaic effect. Put the collage in the centre of a display board and add single words around it to describe the gifts a mother gives to her child.</li> <li>◆ Return to the list of tasks that mothers do, and think about the church. Christians believe that a church is a group of people that worships together, not simply a building. In what way could the church display the same characteristics as a mother? Encourage some comparisons. It would be particularly helpful if a member of the church could help you in taking this session, and it would provide a good opportunity to find out some of the less obvious activities carried out by members of the local church.</li> <li>◆ Make cards for Mothering Sunday</li> <li>◆ Make Lambs Tail Biscuits for Mothering Sunday, a traditional gift brought up to date with a suggestion on the notes pages.</li> </ul> |                           |                          |



